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## Bennett Cerf Does a Good Job On W. L. White's Russian Report

While I don't always agree with Bennett Cerf, I am seldom bored by his Trade Winds column in the Saturday Review of Literature. The president of Random House often sprinkles his book gossip with some hard-hitting comments aimed at hypocrisy and obscurantism.

I am happy to find Mr. Cerf greeting the New Year with a good solid spanking administered to William L. White for his Report to the Russians in the December Reader's Digest.

A reader of the Daily Worker, Helen Whittier of Gardner, Mass., has written in to complain about my comments on this article by White. Miss Gardner thought I was too rough because I noted "the disgusting character" and "bareface lies" of White's misnamed Report on the Russians.



Perhaps Bennett Cerf's remarks on White will prove to be more persuasive. He writes:

"William L. White's They Were Expendable was one of the very best books of the year 1942. The same author's Report on the Russians may well prove to be one of

the very worst of the year 1945.

"White spent five weeks in Russia last summer as a member of the Eric Johnston party, but it is obvious from the parts of his story already printed in Reader's Digest that his mind was made up about the Soviets long before he first set foot on Russian soil.

"His report sounds very much like the sort of thing you might expect from the president of the Ladies' Temperance Union on a wild night at McSorley's Saloon. White is surprised at the lack of gaiety, the absence of 'striking storefronts and well-arranged window displays,' the paucity of the Muscovite bills-of-fare. He attributes most of the drabness to 'lack of competition.'

"It does not seem to occur to him that Russia has been engaged in a fearful struggle for ~~survival~~

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for over three years, that a Nazi army penetrated to the very border of Moscow itself, that the Russian people have suffered privations of every sort in order to win this war, and are tired to death.

"I spent several weeks in Russia in 1934 myself. I found many things that struck me as intolerable, but the people themselves were wonderful, and their supreme faith in the Soviet Government seemed in considerable measure justified. By American standards their factories, hospitals, stores, and hotels were, of course, primitive and inefficient, but the point is that, until the war broke out, they were getting better and better.

"The Russian people are extraordinarily quick to sense a hostile attitude on the part of visiting Americans. They probably spotted William White's attitude within an hour of his arrival, and reacted accordingly.

"In fact, an AP dispatch from Moscow, dated Dec. 15, reports that a new comedy called 'Mr. Perkins' Mission to the Land of the Bolsheviks' has 'tickled the town and injected a shot of laughing-gas into Russian-American relations.'

"Mr. Perkins is a Chicago sausage king who has come to Russia to 'see Mr. Stalin and learn the weaknesses there must be in his system.' The villain is an American journalist who tags behind Perkins, always sceptical and sneering at Russian character and accomplishments. His millionaire patron finally disowns him, saying, 'The only weakness I've found in the Soviet system is that it doesn't know its own strength.'

"When William White heard this story he told a Herald Tribune reporter, 'A sense of humor on both sides of the Atlantic is a healthy thing at this time. I hope the play is a success. I won't sue.'

"This undoubtedly will reassure Joe Stalin. Mr. White might reflect meanwhile that it is precisely such prejudiced and deliberately angled reports as his that make Soviet officials and censors so eternally suspicious of the foreign journalists quartered in their midst."

Very good work, Mr. Cerf. For this you merit a most happy and victorious New Year.

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November 18, 1948

Mr. Bennett Cerf  
132 East 62nd Street  
New York, New York

DATE 12/6/81 SP-7 Mac/PS

Dear Mr. Cerf:

I have received the inscribed copy  
of your book "~~Shake Well Before Using~~" and  
deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in  
forwarding it to me. I am looking forward  
to reading it at my earliest opportunity.

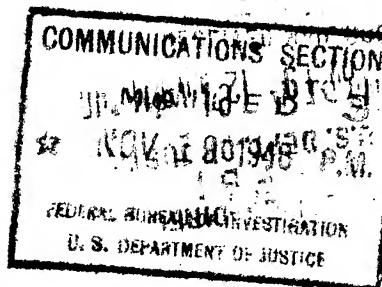
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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It is noted that [ ] stated that Bennett Cerf, a writer, was believed by him to be a fellow traveler and Communist sympathizer.

The following is a summary of pertinent information appearing in the Bureau's files concerning Bennett Cerf.

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Cerf was a member of the Non-Partisan Committee for Heywood Broun (Socialist) for Congress in 1930. (100-155425-1)

The "Publishers Weekly" of December 22, 1934 contained an article entitled "International Publishers Completes Decade," which article mentions that a reception was held to celebrate the 10th anniversary of International Publishers and also the publication of a special edition of Stalin's "Foundations of Leninism." It was reflected that Bennett Cerf was present at this reception. International Publishers has been cited as a Communist organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). (121-539-1X15)

A 1938 letterhead of the National Committee for People's Rights contained the name of Bennett Cerf. The HCUA stated that the National Committee for People's Rights is the successor to the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, which was cited by the Attorney General as a Communist front. Bennett Cerf was also a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in 1937, according to testimony before the LaFollette Committee in Washington, D. C., in January, 1937. (61-7559-1012 and 3385X1)

According to the Dies Committee reports, Cerf was listed as a sponsor of the Conference on Pan-American Democracy of the Council for Pan-American Democracy held December 10 and 11, 1938. (61-7582-1298, p.67)

The Dies Committee reports reflect that the magazine "Equality," published from May, 1939 to late 1940, was a Communist organ assuming the guise of a champion against anti-Semitism. The October, 1939 issue of this magazine listed Cerf as a member of the Editorial Board. (61-7582-1298, p.695)

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A press release reflects that Cerf was on the Reception Committee of a dinner held May 4, 1939 sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. (61-7561-269X5)

The Dies Committee reports reflect that the "Daily Worker" of February 21, 1940 showed Cerf as a signer of a protest sent to the President and the Attorney General, criticizing the attacks upon the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (61-7582-1298, p.1648)

An April 8, 1940 press release of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom reflects that a letter was sent to the Dies Committee, protesting investigation of authors of textbooks used in the schools. According to the release, Cerf was one of the signers of this letter. This was furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted]

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A highly confidential source advised that Cerf was a member of the National Committee on Constitutional Liberties in America, as of June, 1940. [redacted]

A highly confidential source advised that Cerf was a contact of [redacted] in November, 1943. Cerf also was [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Cerf attended a dinner on May 10, 1944 at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, which dinner was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Cerf spoke and paid tribute to the underground forces of the world working for the overthrow of Fascism, and criticized elements in the United States for Red-baiting. [redacted]

According to the "Volunteer for Liberty" of October, 1944, Bennett Cerf was listed as a sponsor of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. A confidential source reported that the American Committee for Spanish Freedom was formed on July 7, 1944 at a meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, at which meeting Cerf was present. (100-7060-256. 100-153806-70)

The "Daily Worker" of January 2, 1945 contained an article complimenting Bennett Cerf for his criticism of William L. White's "Report on the Russians." (62-77685-1. "Daily Worker" 1-2-45)

A highly confidential source advised on January 20, 1945 [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Cerf was among the leaders in the movement which resulted in the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in 1945. This organization was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948. [redacted]

The "Daily Worker" of June 11, 1945 reflected that the Council for Pan-American Democracy appealed to the United States State Department to help free anti-Fascists from Argentina jails. The appeal was signed by Bennett Cerf. (100-13361-A. "Daily Worker" of 6-11-45)

The "Daily World" of July 11, 1945 reflected that Cerf was National Chairman of the National Campaign of the American Society for Russian Relief, known as "Books for Russia" campaign. (100-37226-458)

A highly confidential source advised that Cerf had [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted]  
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Frederick Woltman of the "New York World Telegram" furnished material which reflects that Cerf was listed as one of the individuals who supported the National Citizens Political Action Committee or the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in previous years and who should be approached for substantial contributions to the Progressive Citizens of America in 1947. (100-338892-169)

The "New York Times" of November 3, 1947 reflects that Cerf joined in a broadcast called "Hollywood Fights Back," sponsored by the Committee of the First Amendment. The "Worker" of November 9, 1947 reflects that Cerf joined a protest against the action of the HCUA in connection with its investigation in Hollywood. (100-138754-A. "NY Times" 11-3-47 and "Worker" of 11-9-47)

The "New York World Telegram" of December 2, 1947 reflects that the National Negro Congress, early in 1947, set up a Cultural Division with a large number of individuals listed as members, among whom was Bennett Cerf. (61-3176-A. "NY World Telegram 12-2-47)

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The Freedom from Fear Committee was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front. At a rally held by this Committee on May 9, 1948, [redacted] told of raising money for the defense of the Hollywood Ten. He said that a party to raise money was being held in Washington, sponsored by [redacted] and Bennett Cerf.

[redacted]

The Dies Committee reports show that a letterhead (no date given) lists Cerf as an Advisor of the American Pushkin Committee which was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948. (61-7582-1298, p.1772)

You are requested to conduct a discreet investigation to ascertain background information and the nature of the subject's present activities. It is felt that considerable information can be obtained from your confidential sources in the literary field.

You should prepare a report summarizing all pertinent information. This report should be prepared so as to be suitable for dissemination. Any of the information set out in this letter which is unsuitable for inclusion in your report should be omitted therefrom.

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SAC, New York

February 12, 1951

Director, FBI

BENNETT ALFRED CERF, wa.

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Re report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1951 and your Form FD-122 of the same date. From a review of referenced report, it does not appear that a Security Index card is warranted at this time. However, should you receive information in the future indicating that the subject is engaged in any Communist activities, consideration should be given to again recommending that his name be placed in the Security Index.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 25, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: BENNETT ALFRED CERF, wa.  
Benaït Cerf  
SECURITY MATTER - C

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

— The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY        INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE       

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DATE OF BIRTH May 25, 1898 PLACE OF BIRTH Manhattan, New York

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 123 E. 62nd Street, New York City

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)       

President - Random House, publishers,

457 Madison Avenue, New York City.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

None

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TITLE <b>BENNETT ALFRED CERF, wa. Benaït Cerf</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

BENAIT CERF was born 5/25/98, Manhattan, NY. He is President of Random House, Inc., publishers, and resides at 132 E. 62nd Street, NYC. In the last sixteen years he has been connected with numerous Communist front organizations. Description set out.

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**DETAILS:**

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Citizenship

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The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Manhattan, New York, under certificate number 27689, reflected that BENAIT CERF was born May 25, 1898 in Manhattan, New York. His father was listed as GUSTAV, born in the United States, and his mother was listed as FREDRICA, born in the United States.

Residence and Employment

The current New York City telephone directory lists BENNETT A. CERF as a publisher, business address 457 Madison Avenue, New York City, telephone Plaza 9-6300, and residence address as 132 East 62nd Street, New York City.

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The telephone directory listed Random House, publishers, at 457 Madison Avenue, New York City, telephone number Plaza 9-6300.

### Background

"Who's Who in America" for 1946-1947 published by A. N. MARQUIS is a biographical dictionary of notable living men and women. The following is contained in this publication concerning the subject:

"BENNETT ALFRED CERF, book pub.; b. New York, N.Y., May 25, 1898; s. GUSTAVE and FREDERICKA (WISE) C.; A.B., Columbia, 1919; Litt.B., Columbia Sch. of Journalism, 1920; m. SYLVIA SIDNEY, 1915 (divorced); m. 2d, PHYLLIS FRASER, 1940;

[redacted] Vice Pres. Boni & Liveright, publishers, 1923-25; founded Modern Library, Inc., 1925, and since Pres.; founded Random House, Inc., 1927, and since Pres.; Dir. Bantam Books, 1945. Served in O.T.C., Camp Lee, Va., 1918. Mem. Pi Tamda Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Delta Epsilon. Clubs: Dutch Treat, Overseas Press (N.Y. City). Editor: Bedside Book of Famous American Stories, 1936; Great German Short Stories, 1938; Bedside Book of Famous British Stories, 1940; Anthology of American Plays, 1941; Pocketbook of War Humor, 1942; Anthology of European Plays, 1943; Pocketbook of Cartoons, 1943; Try and Stop Me, 1944; conductor of radio program 'Books Are Bullets' for Council of Books in Wartime since 1942. Contbr. to Saturday Review of Literature, Omnibooks, etc. Home 132 E 62nd St. (21). Office 20 E 57th St, New York 22 N.Y."

### Activities

#### American Committee for Spanish Freedom

A letterhead of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom dated August 19, 1944 listed BENNETT CERF as a sponsor of this organization.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the October, 1944 issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty" issued by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which reflects that the American Committee for Spanish Freedom had been created and was aimed at "rallying Americans

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"to support the liberation struggle of the Spanish people."  
The article listed BENNETT CERF as a sponsor of the organization.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, in May, 1945 advised that BENNETT A. CERF, 20 East 57th Street, New York City, was a member of the Executive Board of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. (S) (u)

[ ] also advised in May, 1945, that BENNETT CERF was a sponsor of the Artists and Scientists Division of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom and that [ ]

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The "Daily Worker" dated November 4, 1945, contained an article entitled "Stop the Spanish Atomic Bomb" [ ] a member of Congress. At the end of the article appeared a partial list of the sponsors of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. Among those listed as sponsors appeared the name of BENNETT CERF.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that the letterhead of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom, 55 West 42nd Street, New York 18, New York, dated December 7, 1945, listed BENNETT CERF as a member of the Artists and Scientists Committee of that organization.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that according to the letterhead of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom in 1946 BENNETT CERF was a sponsor of that organization.

The American Committee for Spanish Freedom and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been cited by the Attorney General as Communist organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The American Pushkin Committee

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Section, reflected that, according to the letterhead of the American Pushkin Committee, BENNETT A. CERF was an advisor

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of the committee. According to the letterhead, the committee was for the commemoration of the death of the great Russian poet.

This organization was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948.

The Committee for the First Amendment

The "New York Times" dated November 3, 1947, reflects that the subject joined in a broadcast called "Hollywood Fights Back" sponsored by the Committee for the First Amendment.

"The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, dated November 9, 1947, reflects that the subject joined a protest against the action of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with its investigation in Hollywood.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report dated 1948, page 210, reflected that the Committee for the First Amendment was "a recently created Communist front in the defense of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the Communists who refuse to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C."

Council for Pan American Democracy

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities mentioned above, Second Section, reflects that BENNETT A. CERF was a sponsor of the conference on Pan-American democracy held in Washington, D. C. on December 10 and 11, 1938.

The "Daily Worker" dated June 11, 1945, page 8, column 5, reflects that BENNETT CERF was one of more than 300 prominent citizens who signed an appeal for State Department action to help free the thousands of anti-Fascists held in

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Argentine jails which was made to Secretary of State EDWARD R. STETTINIUS and United States Ambassador SPRUILLE BRADEN, the Council for Pan American Democracy announced.

The Council for Pan American Democracy, aka the Conference on Pan American Democracy, has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

"Equality"

According to the report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, "Equality", volume I, number 6, dated October, 1939, an independent, non-sectarian monthly journal to defend democratic rights and combat national and religious intolerances, listed BENNETT A. CERF as a member of the Editorial Council.

The report stated that "Equality" appeared in May, 1935 and apparently was suspended late in 1940. The report continued that from the fact that its leading personnel was either Communist or pro-Communist and from the fact that the periodical sedulously aped the line of the Communist Party, it is clear that it was actually an organ of the Communist Party assuming the guise of championing against anti-Semitism.

Freedom From Fear Committee

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that at a rally held by the Freedom From Fear Committee on May 9, 1948, HERBERT BIBERMAN told of raising money for the Hollywood Ten. He said that a party was being held in Washington sponsored by [redacted] and BENNETT CERF.

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According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1948, pages 35 and 239, the Freedom From Fear Committee was "one of the Communist Party's latest fronts" which came into being in Hollywood and New York and was created 'to raise funds for the defense of nineteen unfriendly witnesses before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities of Communists active in Hollywood, ten of whom were indicted for contempt of Congress.

Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences  
and Professions

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that the subject was among the leaders in the movement which resulted in the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, reported on October 8, 1945, that a pre election rally would be held at the Henry Hudson Hotel on October 15, 1945. The rally would be held under the auspices of the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions and BENNETT CERF would speak.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that the subject was listed as one of the individuals who supported the National Citizens Political Action Committee or the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions in previous years and one who should be approached for a contribution to the Progressive Party in 1947.

The Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1948, page 262.

Confidential Informants [ ] of known reliability, advised in December, 1946 that the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions and the National Citizens Political Action Committee together with several small independent groups merged to form the Progressive Citizens of America in 1946. These informants stated that the Communist Party supports the Progressive Citizens of America and has urged its members on various occasions to support this organization.

International Publishers

The "Publishers Weekly" of December 22, 1934, contained an article entitled "International Publishers Completes Decade." The article mentions that a reception was held to celebrate

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the tenth anniversary of International Publishers as well as the publication of a special edition of STALIN'S "Fundamentals of Leninism." It was reflected that BENNETT CERF was present at this reception.

International Publishers has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1949.

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Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, Third Session, stated that "although President ROOSEVELT'S War Relief Control Board has declined to certify it for membership in the National War Fund, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, pet front of the Communists, has started to line up a fresh list of prominent names behind a new fund raising drive."

The report continued "Tonight at the Biltmore the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is giving a dinner fortified by such 'sponsors' as BENNETT CERF, publisher, who is Chairman..."

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that at a dinner given at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, on May 10, 1944, sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Committee, BENNETT CERF, noted publisher and author, paid tribute to the underground forces of the world working against the overthrow of Fascism and criticized elements in the United States for red baiting.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised in December, 1944 that BENNETT CERF was one of many prominent writers who have given their services to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that on January 20, 1945, BENNETT CERF was considered by the Chapter Secretaries of the Joint-Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as a member for the Campaign Committee. The informant also advised on February 13, 1945, that CERF had been proposed for membership in the National Publicity Advisory Council of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Lawyers Committee on American Relations  
With Spain

According to the above-mentioned report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, the Lawyers Committee on American Relations with Spain organized a two-day "conference to lift the embargo" which convened at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C., on November 19 and 20, 1938. BENNETT A. CERF was one of those who sent messages of support and good wishes to the conference.

The Lawyers Committee on American Relations With Spain was formed during the Spanish Civil War as one of the Communist Party's numerous front organizations.

National Committee Against Censorship of the  
Theatre Arts

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities stated that the program of the Committee Against Censorship published by the National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts, 114 West 14th Street, New York City, in 1935 reflected that BENNETT A. CERF was a member of the National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts.

According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1948, page 52, the "Communists regard the infiltration, manipulation and control of artistic and cultural mediums as one of the indispensable phases of their program of revolution." The National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts is "typical" of Communist front organizations in this class.

National Committee for the Defense of  
Political Prisoners

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability<sup>b2</sup>, advised that in 1938 the letterhead of the National Comm<sup>b7D</sup>ee



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for People's Rights contained the name BENNETT CERF. The House Committee on Un-American Activities has reported that the National Committee for People's Rights is the successor to the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners. According to the Informant, BENNETT CERF was also a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in 1937 according to testimony before the La Follette Committee in Washington, D. C. in January, 1937.

Confidential Informant [ ] of unknown reliability,  
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Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised early in 1942 that BENNETT CERF, a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, was eligible for election to the Executive Committee of that organization. ✓

The National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners has been designated as a Communist Organization by the Attorney General coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

National Council of American Soviet Friendship

A call to the Congress of American Soviet Friendship dated November 7 and 8, 1942, sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, listed BENNETT A. CERF as a patron.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability,  
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The "Daily World" dated July 11, 1945, reflected that the subject was the National Chairman of the National Campaign of the American Society for Russian Relief known as the "Books For Russia" campaign. The American Society For Russian Relief was formerly known as the Russian War Relief.

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[redacted] of the Research Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, advised in 1942 that the Russian War Relief was a Communist controlled organization. He further advised that the Russian War Relief was launched at a rally held at New York City on July 2, 1941, under the sponsorship of the American Council on Soviet Relations which later became known as the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

National Negro Congress

The "New York World Telegram" of December 2, 1947, stated that early in 1947 the National Negro Congress set up a cultural division and among those listed as members was BENNETT CERF.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability,

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Committee for Negro in the Arts was an outgrowth of the Arts Committee of the National Negro Congress.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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New York Conference for Inalienable Rights

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in the latter part of 1941 that BENNETT A. CERF, 112 West 59th Street, New York City, business address 20 East 57th Street, New York City. [redacted]

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left wing groups and this fund was raised by the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights for his legal defense on this charge.

The New York Conference for Inalienable Rights was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944, page 133.

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North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that according to a press release the subject was on the Reception Committee of a dinner held May 4, 1939, sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. ✓

The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ✓

Julius Rosenthal Memorial Committee

Confidential Informant [ ] of unknown reliability, who had information concerning the above-mentioned organization, stated that JULIUS ROSENTHAL was an American Communist killed in the Spanish Civil War. He had been a leader in the John Reed Clubs which were Communist predecessors of the League of American Writers. X

The informant added that the Julius Rosenthal Memorial Committee was one of many Communist front organizations set up for Communist agitation and money raising around the issue of the Spanish Civil War. The informant stated that many of the committee members and patrons of this committee were well known as Communists or fellow travelers. The informant named BENNETT CERF as a member or patron of the committee.

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

According to the report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the "Daily Worker" dated February 21,

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1940, listed BENNETT CERF as a signer of a letter to President ROOSEVELT and Attorney General JACKSON protesting the attacks upon the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and condemning the war now being whipped up by the ROOSEVELT administration. X

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. b2 b6 b7C b7D

Veterans Committee Against Discrimination

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BENNETT CERF [redacted] X

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised on May 24, 1946, that the Veterans Committee Against Discrimination was affiliated with the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within Executive Order 9835. X

Miscellaneous Activities

Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, who is familiar with the subject, advised on September 13, 1949, that BENNETT CERF, a writer, was a fellow traveler or Communist sympathizer.

The "Daily Worker" dated January 2, 1945, page 11, column 3, contains an article by [redacted] regarding BENNETT CERF'S remarks on [redacted] report on the Russians." According to the article, CERF stated that [redacted] spent five weeks in Russia with [redacted] party but from his article in "Readers Digest" his mind was made up about the Soviets before he set foot on Russian soil. He stated that [redacted] was surprised "at the lack of gaiety, the absence of 'striking store fronts and well-arranged window displays', the paucity of the Muscovite bills-of-fare. He attributes most of the drabness to 'lack of competition.'" b6 b7C b7D

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According to the article, CERF pointed out that Russia had been in war for three years. He pointed out that when he had been in Russia in 1934 he found the people themselves wonderful "and their supreme faith in the Soviet Government seemed in considerable measure justified."

[redacted] article went on to state that BENNETT CERF, President of Random House, has a column "Trade Winds" in the "Saturday Review of Literature."

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that according to the newspaper "PM" dated April 13, 1944, it was stated that "PM" takes its hat off to BENNETT A. CERF of Random House for being "particularly nauseated" at the idea of competing with the Axis in an international trade fair at Barcelona, Spain, this June. According to the article, CERF told off the State Department which is sponsoring the United States exhibit in a reply to an Office of War Information suggestion that his firm furnish some books. The article stated that "PM" agrees with CERF that the "Franco Government should be thrown out on its ears. Here is for more CERFS and fewer slaves."

The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, who are familiar with Communist activities in New York, could furnish no information concerning the subject:

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The records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflect that in 1950 BENNETT A. CERF, 132 East 62nd Street, New York City, registered for one of the two major political parties.

#### Description

The following description of the subject was obtained from records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, 80 Center Street, New York City, the subject's birth record and "Who's Who In America":

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Name	BENNETT ALFRED CERF,
Alias	BENAIT CERF
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	52
Born	May 25, 1898, Manhattan, New York
Residence	132 East 62nd Street, New York City.
Height	6'
Weight	176 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown (glasses)
Occupation	President, Random House, publishers, 457 Madison Avenue, New York City.
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife - PHYLLIS FRASER <div data-bbox="667 1003 1181 1052" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 24px; width: 322px; margin: 2px 0;"></div> Former Wife - SYLVIA SIDNEY
Country of Birth	United States
Operator's License	2082547 (good until September, 1953)

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that the subject was a member of the Non-Partisan Committee for HAYWOOD BROWN, Socialist, for Congress in 1930.

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Confidential Informant [ ] advised in September,

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Confidential Informant [ ] advised that CERF was married years ago to SILVIA SIDNEY and that he married PHYLLIS FRASER in 1940. The informant advised that FRASER is the cousin of GINGER ROGERS. The informant added that CERF'S marriage ceremony was performed by Mayor LA GUARDIA. As of May, 1944, according to the informant, Mrs. CERF was Co-Chairman of the Reception Committee of the New York Recreational Center for Servicemen at 22 Park Avenue, New York City, and she was a member of the Women's Division for New York of the National Citizens Political Action Committee in October, 1944.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that the subject was a member of the National Committee of Constitutional Liberties in America in June, 1940.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, were checked by SE [ ]

The records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, were checked by SE [ ]

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the  
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Trash recovered from vacated office space of the National Committee for People's Rights as reflected in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 13, 1942, at New York, entitled "National Committee for People's Rights, Internal Security - R."

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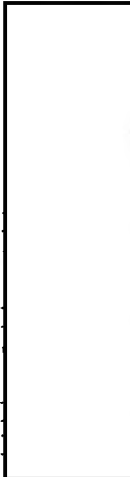
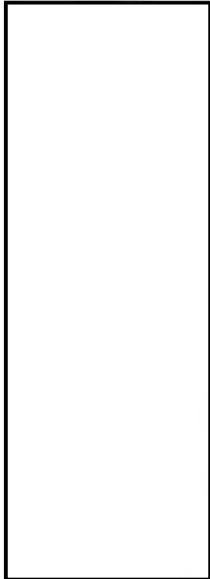
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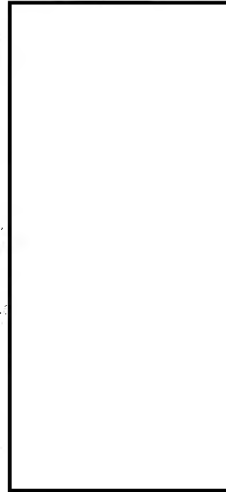
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It's been a long time since you let Phyllis and me have the use of a car for our honeymoon in Washington. In all those years, however, I have been trying to figure out some way of getting your name on a Random House book and now I think I've come up with the right solution.

We want to add a book called THE HISTORY OF THE F.B.I. to our Landmark series, and we hope to persuade you to be the author thereof. I don't know whether or not you've heard about these Landmark Books as yet. If you haven't, I'd like to tell you that we started the series some 18 months ago with the idea of giving American boys and girls the highlights of history in interesting and readable form. The thought was that there would be no better way of emphasizing everything that is best in the American way of life.

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A Landmark book called THE HISTORY OF THE F.B.I. would outsell even the number one title, in my belief. (Incidentally, that number one title at the moment is THE PONY EXPRESS by Samuel Hopkins Adams.) The manuscript would not have to run to more than 25,000 to 30,000 words. Furthermore, Quentin Reynolds, to whom I outlined the idea on Sunday, immediately said that he would love to work with you on the book and, with your help, turn out a script that would be just exactly what the doctor ordered.

Can you find time to talk to me about this scheme in person? Maybe you'll be coming up to New York some day within the next couple of weeks. If not, I'd be happy to fly down to Washington to have lunch with you, possibly bringing Quentin Reynolds along.

The beauty of a book like this is that it would go on selling year in and

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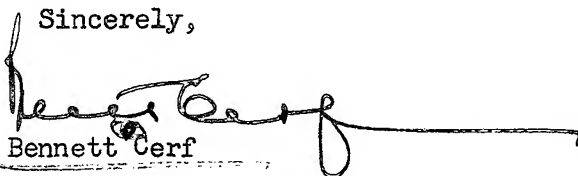
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year out, and the income therefor would not all come in one taxable year, but would be spread out over a long period. Several other Landmark authors have said that having a book on this list is just like getting regular dividends on a stock.

I look forward with keen anticipation to your reply. If you'd like to phone me, my number is Plaza 9-6300. Between the three of us I feel that we can cook up a book that will make history in the publishing world.

With cordial best regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

  
Bennett Cerf

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THE AUTHOR: Margaret Long is the author of *Louisville Saturday* (1950). She is a newspaperwoman now living in Macon, Ga.

THE DISGUISES OF LOVE

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THE AUTHOR: Since 1947, Robie Macauley has been contributing stories to the best

American literary magazines. Some of them have been reprinted in the *O. Henry Prize Stories* and *Best American Short Stories* volumes. He wrote the critical introduction for the reissue of Ford Madox Ford's *Parade's End* and in 1949 won the *Furioso* fiction award.

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by ALLAN ULLMAN and ROLFE BLOOM \$2.75

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During the forty-five years since Joseph Pennell wrote his biography of James McNeill Whistler many new facts about the American artist have come to light. After long research under a Guggenheim Fellowship in this country and abroad, Horace Gregory has completed his definitive and exciting *Life of Whistler*, a chronicle and an interpretation of the achievements and the vagaries of the painter, etcher and wit who commanded the attention and the wrath of two worlds.

THE AUTHOR: Poet Horace Gregory is Professor of Literature at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York.

NO INNOCENCE ABROAD

by MICHAEL STERN \$3.00

A gallery of personalities—some shady, all exotic—that Michael Stern has known as Chief European Correspondent for *TRUE* Magazine. Some of the people—such as Luciano and Rossellini—are well-known, but what he knows about them is not. Others, like Gulbenkian, are not so well-known, but will be. This book doesn't try to solve anything. It's about people—good, bad and different.

THE AUTHOR: Michael Stern's exposé of the sordid murder of Major Holohan caused international repercussions this past year.

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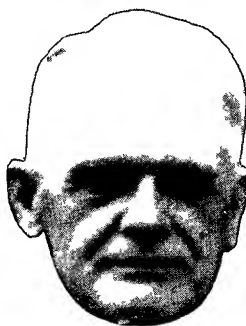
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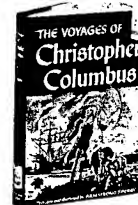
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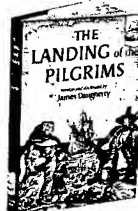
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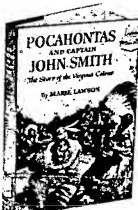
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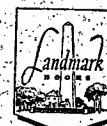
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I want to thank you for your kind letter of  
July 15, 1952 and for your suggestion that a  
book be written in the Landmark series entitled  
"~~The~~ History of the FBI."

Unfortunately, my official commitments are  
such that it is impossible for me to assume any  
further obligations requiring my personal attention.  
I do hope you will understand the reason for my  
inability to act favorably upon your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

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QUENTIN REYNOLDS

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PURPOSE:

To provide a summary of pertinent information in Bureau files relating to Quentin Reynolds.

BASIS:

On July 15, 1952, Bennett Cerf, President of the Random House Publishing Company, New York, New York, wrote the Director expressing his desire to publish a book called "The History of the FBI." Mr. Cerf noted in his letter that he would like to have Quentin Reynolds work on the book with the Director.

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BACKGROUND:

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Quentin Reynolds was born April 11, 1902, in New York City. He received a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree from Brown University in 1924 and an LL.B. from Brooklyn Law School in 1931. He holds honorary LL.D.'s from Brown University, Brooklyn Law School, and the University of Western Ontario. Reynolds married Virginia Peine on March 30, 1942.

He has been employed as a sports writer, news reporter and foreign correspondent with several newspapers and wire associations. He was Associate Editor of Collier's Magazine from 1933 until 1945 and is now Editor of the United Nations World. Reynolds, in addition to being the author of many books, has contributed short stories to many national magazines. (Who's Who in America 1952-1953, page 2023)

ASSOCIATION WITH OR SPONSORSHIP BY REYNOLDS OF VARIOUS ALLEGED COMMUNIST-FRONT ORGANIZATIONS:

Bureau files reflect that Quentin Reynolds has been a member of, associated with, or sponsored the following allegedly Communist-front organizations:

1. American Relief Ship for Loyalist Spain.

The "Sunday Worker" of October 9, 1939, stated that Quentin Reynolds was a guest at the Cafe Continental in New York

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✓ City at an affair sponsored by the American Relief Ship for Loyalist Spain. (61-7561-241X28)

2. Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Quentin Reynolds was one of the signers of a letter to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Jackson protesting the attacks upon the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (61-7582-1298, page 1648)

3. Russian War Relief, Inc.

The "Daily Worker" reported on October 19, 1941, that the Russian War Relief, Inc., had announced that a cable had been received from Quentin Reynolds in Moscow in which he stated, "Immediate dispatch will save thousands of lives during coming months. If you could see these people fight so magnificently, you would redouble your efforts to help them." (100-37226-A) b2 b7D b7C

4. American Committee To Save Spanish Refugees.

On March 16, 1942. Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On February 9, 1946, G-2 advised that a dinner had been held at Los Angeles, California, which had been sponsored by the Spanish Refugees Relief [redacted] further stated that Quentin Reynolds was the main speaker and demanded that [redacted] be tried as a war criminal. (100-7660-3687)

5. "Soviet Russia Today."

Quentin Reynolds contributed an article to this magazine in April, 1942. (100-344414-4)

6. Citizens Victory Committee for Harry Bridges.

The "Daily Worker" for March 28, 1943, stated that "Americans from all walks of life were joining in a petition drive asking President Roosevelt to dismiss the deportation orders against Harry Bridges." Quentin Reynolds was among those who signed the petition. (39-915-A)

7. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

The letterhead stationery of the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee dated in the summer of 1945 reflected Quentin Reynolds as a national sponsor. (100-7081-1058)

The "Daily Worker" for March 19, 1946, stated that Quentin Reynolds spoke about Franco's submission and support of the Axis at the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee's Spanish Refugee Appeal Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. (109-115-A)

8. Allied Voters Against Couderc.

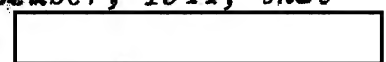
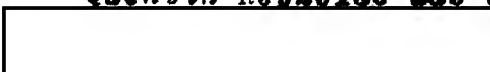
Quentin Reynolds was listed as a sponsor of a program called "Stars for Democracy" presented by the Allied Voters Against Couderc on October 21, 1943, at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City. The House Un-American Activities Committee advised that "the Allied Voters Against Couderc is an example of the Communist apparatus for character assassination in operation against one who opposed the efforts of the Communist Party to undermine and destroy American democracy." (61-7582-1298, pages 314 and 316)

9. Council on African Affairs.

The "Daily Worker" for April 9, 1944, advised that a birthday party was to be held in honor of Paul Robeson in New York City and this party was to be sponsored by the Council on African Affairs. Quentin Reynolds was listed as a member of the guest committee. The "Daily Worker" for April 11, 1944, contained an article in connection with Robeson's birthday party, quoting Quentin Reynolds as saying, "Count me in on anything for Paul." (100-12304-A)

10. The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

A confidential source advised in December, 1944, that Quentin Reynolds was a sponsor of the ICCASP.



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Quentin Reynolds was scheduled to speak at a luncheon of the ICCASP, according to the "Daily Worker" for February 26, 1945. (100-327116)

Quentin Reynolds was listed as a contributing editor on the staff of "The Independent," which in 1946 was the official organ of the ICCASP. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the ICCASP on February 10, 1946. (100-338892-45) ✓

11. Friends of the Spanish Republic.

The Chicago Sun for January 3, 1945, stated that the Friends of the Spanish Republic held a rally at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on January 2, 1945, at which Quentin Reynolds spoke. (100-7061-818, page 18)  
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12. "New Masses"

On January 22, 1945, "New Masses" held a cultural dinner in New York City. At this dinner an award was presented to Quentin Reynolds. In accepting the award Reynolds spoke mainly on the problem of censorship, stating that the United States Army's censorship was the best; whereas, the censorship in Russia was "archaic, stupid and entirely out of date." ✓  
(Spec Agt of NYC attended meeting; 61-9182-55)



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**13. National Council of American Soviet Friendship.**

"PM" for March 13, 1945, carried a statement issued by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, one of the signers being Quentin Reynolds, which attacked [redacted] "Report on the Russians," as a highly biased and misleading report, calculated to prolong the oldest myths and prejudices against a great ally." (100-146964-A)

Howard Fast approved Quentin Reynolds as a guest to a dinner given by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship on May 5, 1946, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, in honor of three Russian literary figures. (100-146964-796)

According to [redacted] in an article carried in the New York "Journal-American" of July 29, 1947, Quentin Reynolds was listed as an active member of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. (100-146964-A)

**14. Greater New York Council for Citizens Action.**

A confidential informant on June 2, 1945, reported that most of the officers of the Greater New York Council for Citizens Action are Communists. This informant advised that Quentin Reynolds was a sponsor of instant organization. (100-341464-4)

**15. Action Committee to Free Spain Now.**

A letter by Quentin Reynolds appeared in a pamphlet called "Conference Call," printed on March 15, 1946, by the Action Committee to Free Spain Now. This Committee was sponsored by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. Reynolds urged the breaking off of commercial and diplomatic relations with Franco Spain. This information was furnished by [redacted] (100-344529-20)

**16. American Crusade to End Lynching.**

The "Daily Worker" for September 8, 1946, announced a pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., to protest lynchings in the South. This article stated that Paul Robeson announced the formation of this "Crusade" and [redacted] said that Quentin Reynolds was one of the individuals founding the "Crusade." (100-346255-18)

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17. Civil Rights Congress.

The "New York Age" of December 6, 1946, contained an article reflecting that the Civil Rights Congress was sponsoring a National Committee to Oust Representative Bilbo and that Quentin Reynolds was Co-Chairman of this Committee.  
(61-10149-486, p.63)

CONTACTS WITH RUSSIAN OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

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A leaflet obtained on January 7, 1948, reflects Quentin Reynolds was a member of the Board of Honorary Advisors of the American Russian Cultural Association in New York City.  
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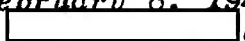
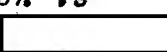

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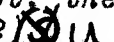
[redacted] of the "Reader's Digest" stated on August 3, 1945, that correspondents in Moscow are divided into two sections and are nicknamed by each other as the "Kremlin Stooges" and the "Fascists Beasts." The former group is considered Communist or Communist sympathizers, while the latter is anti-Communist or unbiased in its opinion of Russian matters. [redacted] said Reynolds is a member of the "Kremlin Stooges." (61-7374-131)



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 advised on February 6, 1946, that Quentin Reynolds was interviewed by  of Radio Station KTAR, Phoenix, Arizona. During the interview Reynolds stated that America had nothing to fear from Soviet Russia; there could be no war between these two nations; the United States has nothing the USSR wants, and the Soviet Union is the only major power that has held to its contracts.  further stated that on February 6, 1946, Reynolds addressed the Town Hall Meeting in Phoenix. During his speech Reynolds attacked  and praised the Soviet Union in her present stand in world diplomacy. (100-34414-1) ✓

Washington Field Office reported the results of a technical surveillance on the Russian Embassy on February 27, 1946. The surveillance reflected that Reynolds sought an appointment with N. V. Novikov, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States. (65-30092-2272)  ✓


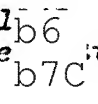
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

The stationery of the American Union for Concerted Peace Efforts of New York City, dated April 24, 1939, reflects Quentin Reynolds as a sponsor. (100-155559-1)

The "Daily Worker" of April 15, 1946, contains an article captioned, "Franco Aid to Nazis Perils Peace, Reynolds Charges." (100-34414-A) ✓

The "New York Sun" on January 22, 1948, contained an article concerning the "Committee of One Thousand," which Committee advocated the dissolution of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Quentin Reynolds was listed as a member of the "Committee of One Thousand." (100-35406-A)

"The German-American" of November 7, 1947, quoted Quentin Reynolds' opinions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Reynolds stated "In 1934, Hitler set up so-called people's courts. I have attended many of their sessions. There was no right to cross-examination there. The preliminary proceedings were not very different from that in the House Committee." (100-279704-112).

Quentin Reynolds was listed as an officer of the National Institute of Social Relations as of January, 1946. There was no indication of the  attempting to disseminate Communist propaganda. (100-34414-17-6).  ✓

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On December 14, 1948, the [redacted] reported that Quentin Reynolds gave the commentary on a picture entitled "Spain in Exile," prepared by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted]

[redacted] reported that [redacted] addressed [redacted]

In a case entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R" reported by the New York Office on December 14, 1949, [redacted]

described as "passionately anti-Communist" by [redacted] stated that Quentin Reynolds was a Communist, but was not coming around to "our view." [redacted] claimed that "Everyone knows [redacted] was not a Communist." [redacted]

In a case entitled "Yugoslav Consul General; Internal Security - YU" the New York Office reported on February 19, 1951, that [redacted] advised on August 16, 1950, that one [redacted] stated that Quentin Reynolds wished to go to Yugoslavia in the capacity of a guest of the Yugoslav government. (65-57307-173). *QU*

On April 17, 1952, Quentin Reynolds, acting as moderator of the television program, "The Author Meets the Critics," made a full retraction of the remarks uttered against the FBI by [redacted] on April 10, 1952. (94-39253-48).

CONTACTS WITH THE BUREAU:

Bureau files reflect that Quentin Reynolds, the Director, and Mr. Tolson have exchanged cordial correspondence throughout the years.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Nichols

July 18, 1952

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BENNETT ALFRED CERF, AKA  
BENAIT CERF

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PURPOSE:

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To describe information in Bureau files concerning Bennett Alfred Cerf, President of Random House, Inc., publishing company, who by letter to the Director dated 7/15/52 proposed with the writing assistance of Quentin Reynolds to do a book called "The History of the FBI."

BIOGRAPHY:

Cerf was born Benait Cerf on May 25, 1898, in Manhattan, New York, the son of Gustav and Frederika Cerf nee Wise. He graduated from Columbia University with an A.B. degree, 1919, and received a Litt. B. degree from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1920. He married Sylvia Sidney, the actress, in 1935, and after their divorce married Phyllis Fraser in 1940. They have two children. He served in the Officers Training Camp, Camp Lee, Virginia, in 1918. He is a member of Pi Lambda Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Pi Delta Epsilon. He founded Random House in 1927 and has been its president since that time. He is the author of several books of humor. He is a contributing editor to This Week and the Saturday Review of Literature. He resides 132 East 62nd Street with offices at 457 Madison Avenue, both New York City.

Cerf is the subject of closed Bufile 100-369422. A Security Matter-C investigation was initiated in May, 1950, based upon a summary at that time of pertinent information from Bureau files which reflected that his name had been associated since at least 1934 with various front organizations and in support of various Communist-inspired movements. The New York Office submitted a detailed report on January 25, 1951, recommending him for inclusion on the Bureau's Security Index. By letter to New York dated February 12, 1951, the Bureau advised that it did not appear from the report that a Security Index card was warranted at that time.

The summary of Bureau files and the New York Office report, above indicated, reflect the following data:

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1. American Committee for Spanish Freedom

Cerf was a sponsor, member, and advisor of this organization, as well as a member of its executive board in 1944, 1945, and 1946. The Committee was formed to rally Americans in support of the liberation struggle of the Spanish people. His affiliation was reported by informants and his name appeared as a "sponsor" of the Committee in the Daily Worker of November 4, 1945. (X) (u)

2. The American Pushkin Committee

The report of the House Un-American Activities Committee reported that his name appeared as an advisor on letterhead of this Committee, which had for its purpose the commemoration of the death of the great Russian poet. The organization was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948. The report covered the 78th Congress, 1943-1944. ✓

3. The Committee for the First Amendment

Instant Committee was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, as a "recently created Communist front" to defend Communists and fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose was reportedly to create favorable opinion for Communists who refused to testify at Washington, D. C., before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Cerf's name was reflected in the New York Times, November 3, 1947, as having joined in a broadcast called "Hollywood fights back" sponsored by instant Committee.

4. Council for Pan American Democracy

The House Committee on Un-American Activities reflects his name as a sponsor of a conference of this Council held in Washington, D. C., on December 10 and 11, 1938. The Daily Worker of June 11, 1945, reported his name among citizens who signed an appeal to the State Department asking freedom for thousands of anti-Fascists held in Argentine jails. Instant Council has been cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

5. Equality

This monthly journal as of October, 1939, lists Cerf as a member of its editorial council and was described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an independent non-sectarian published to defend democratic rights and to combat intolerances. The House Committee stated its leading personnel

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were either Communist or pro-Communist and that it appeared an organization of the Communist Party under guise.

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#### 6. Freedom From Fear Committee

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, cited instant Committee as a Communist front created to raise funds to defend nineteen unfriendly witnesses before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities concerning Hollywood, ten of whom were indicted for contempt of Congress. An informant reported in May, 1948, that a party was held in Washington sponsored partly by Bennett Cerf for the purpose of raising money for the "Hollywood Ten." This information was announced, according to informant, at a rally held by the Freedom From Fear Committee on May 9, 1948.

#### 7. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

National Publicity Advisory Council of instant Committee. The Committee has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

#### 8. Lawyers Committee on American Relations with Spain

The House Committee on Un-American Activities reported that Cerf sent messages of support and good wishes to a conference of this Committee held at Washington, D. C., in November, 1938. It was formed during the Spanish Civil War as one of the Communist Party's numerous front groups. The conference was held to lift an embargo on arms to Spain.

#### 9. National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts

A House Committee report reflects that in 1935 Cerf was a member of this Committee. The California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, described this Committee as typical of Communist front groups.

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10. National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners

From 1937 through 1942 the name of Cerf appeared on letterheads of and in connection with captioned Committee and its alleged successor the National Committee for People's Rights. Captioned Committee has been designated as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

11. National Council of American Soviet Friendship

Cerf was affiliated with this Council as a patron, invited to its receptions, and was national chairman of a "Books for Russia" campaign sponsored through the Russian War Relief. The House Committee records reflect that the Russian War Relief was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, which Council has been cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

12. National Negro Congress

The New York World Telegram of December 2, 1947, reported that early in 1947 this Congress set up a cultural division and that Bennett Cerf was listed as a member. His name appeared on letterheads of August, 1950, used by the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, reported as a outgrowth of the National Negro Congress. This Congress has been cited by the Attorney General.

13. New York Conference for Inalienable Rights

A fund was raised at New York City in 1941 to defend a former New York City official accused of supporting left-wing groups. Captioned Conference raised the fund. An informant reported contributions thereto in 1941 by Bennett A. Cerf. Captioned Conference was cited as a Communist front in 1944 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

14. North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy

A press release indicated subject on the reception committee at a dinner on May 4, 1939, held by the Spanish Refugee Relief Committee, under auspices of captioned organization. Captioned organization has been cited as Communist by the Attorney General.

15. Julius Rosenberg Memorial Committee

An informant of unknown reliability at New York City named Cerf as a member or patron of this Committee which commemorated an American Communist killed in the Spanish Civil War.

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16. Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

The House Committee on Un-American Activities reported that the Daily Worker of February 21, 1940, listed Cerf among signers of a letter to President Roosevelt and the Attorney General protesting attacks upon veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, an organization which has been cited as Communist by the Attorney General.

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17. Veterans Committee Against Discrimination

The name of Cerf was listed as a sponsor of a mock trial held by this Committee in January, 1946. The Committee was reportedly affiliated with the Civil Rights Congress which is on the Attorney General's subversive list.

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The Daily Worker of January 2, 1945, contained an article [redacted] referring to remarks by Bennett Cerf concerning the book "Report on the Russians" [redacted]

[redacted] The article indicated Cerf reported that [redacted] made up his mind about the Soviets before he spent five weeks on Russian soil; that [redacted] was surprised "at the lack of gaiety, etc." Cerf reportedly pointed out that Russia had been in war three years and that when he was in Russia in 1934 he found the people themselves wonderful "and their supreme faith in the Soviet Government seemed in considerable measure justified."

In addition to the above data, more recent references in Bureau files reflect the following.

In 1951 it was determined that the personal address book of Alfred K. Stern, under investigation as a Soviet Agent resulting from information in the MOCASE, included "Bennett Cerf, Random House," among listed individuals and publishing companies. (100-57453-723, 732)

A photostatic copy of the 1951 "Confidential Notebook" prepared [redacted] reflected that Bennett A. Cerf had disavowed authorizing the Committee for the Negroes in the Arts to use his name as a backer. The Committee thereafter dropped his name. Mention of this reportedly appeared in the New York World Telegram and Sun of October 27, 1951.

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[redacted] further ascribed to Cerf the remark  
"I consider it my first duty to fight Fascism and my second  
duty to publish books." (94-41233-7-6, 50)

On January 28, 1952, Michael Seymour Blankfort, a  
writer, testified before the House Committee on Un-American  
Activities. He was shown photostatic copies of a pamphlet  
published by the National Committee Against Censorship of  
the Theater Arts, which pamphlet reflected him a member.  
Blankfort stated it occurred in 1935; that he was impressed  
by persons associated with it, mentioning the name of Bennett  
Cerf among others. He stated that the Committee included some  
Communist Party members but many persons who were interested  
in the theater and the fight against censorship. (61-7582-1797)



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BENNET CERF  
RANDOM HOUSE PUBLISHERS

DATE: July 24, 1952

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On July 21, 1952, Mr. Bennet Cerf sent to the FBI five volumes typifying the type of book he had in mind doing on the FBI. These books are as follows:

1. "The Pony Express" by Samuel Hopkins Adams
2. "Prehistoric America" by Anne Terry White
3. "The Story of The U. S. Marines" by George P. Hunt
4. "The Pirate Lafitte and the Battle of New Orleans" by Robert Tallant
5. "The California Gold Rush" by May McNeer

These books have been made a part of the Bureau's Library.

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July 21, 1952

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Terry White.

The Story of The U. S. Marines,  
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The Pirate Lafitte and the Battle  
of New Orleans, by Robert Tallant.

The California Gold Rush, by May McNeer.

The Pony Express, by Samuel Hopkins Adams.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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RANDOM HOUSE, INC.

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BOOKS: *To be delivered with utmost care*

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Order No.

Dept.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: July 28, 1952

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I called Bennett Cerf of the Random House this morning and told him that in answer to his telephone call of July 24 to the Director regarding a proposed book for boys and girls on the history of the FBI that the Director had simply not had an opportunity to let him know but as he was leaving town he asked me to call him and I told Mr. Cerf that we had numerous similar requests and we had not seen our way clear to cooperate or grant approval and that it simply would not be possible to participate in any way with the proposed book. I stated that even though all they wanted was the Director's "official blessing" and for him to look over the manuscript and give his approval, it would not be possible. He then asked if we had any other idea where they might go to. I told him that I frankly didn't since it appeared to me that it was something he was going to go ahead on anyway. I suggested to him that unless the book could be done properly, probably a project we wouldn't want to be associated with, that the matter be held in abeyance. 2-1

He inquired when the Director would be back. I told him his return was indefinite. He wondered if after the campaigns whether or not our situation might be different. I told him that it was difficult to say at this point.

I suggest we take no further action at the moment.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Vm*

DATE: April 3, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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*[Signature]*

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*[Redacted]* called. Bennett Cerf, book publisher, had spoken to him again about his idea of doing a book, "The Story of the FBI" for his Junior Landmark Series, which would be a primer on the Bureau.

You recall that Cerf had previously taken the matter up with us and we declined. He then approached *[Redacted]* and we declined there. Likewise, we declined previously when *[Redacted]* talked to us.

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I told *[Redacted]* that we are busier now than when he first brought the matter up, and there simply would be no chance of us even considering the matter now.

*[Redacted]* stated that Cerf is a high-pressure man, which we, of course, know, and might decide to go ahead and do the book without any cooperation. I told him that, of course, would be his privilege; that we certainly would oppose any approach along these lines.

*[Redacted]* also stated that he had been approached by a group to handle the writing for an extensive series of television programs on the State Department. He was interested but did not want to tie himself up if there was any possibility of the Bureau's changing its mind and engaging in television programs. I told him that there was no chance of this for the time being.

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Bedford Village, New York

May 28, 1953

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Mr. Clyde Tolson  
Office of the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Clyde:

I hate to bother the boss with this, so I am taking the liberty of bothering you. Could you pass this letter on with, I trust, your blessing (unofficial) to the department which handles such requests?

Bennett Cerf, who owns Random House, the publishing firm, has asked me to write a juvenile book called "Hoover of the FBI." Let me explain briefly about the Landmark Series, for kids about eleven and twelve, which Cerf publishes, because it is something unique and fantastically successful in the publishing business.

Four years ago Cerf discovered that kids were no longer reading—they were living by television. He found this true of his own two boys, and when he queried them and later queried educational authorities, he found that kids were too sophisticated today to swallow the usual type of juvenile literature which publishers have been dishing up for many many years. Cerf conceived the idea of asking ten writers, not one of whom had ever written for kids, to each take an important American and do his biography. Men like [redacted]

[redacted] and myself were among those he picked. I, for instance, took the life of Custer.

Because we were all inexperienced in this, we didn't make the mistake of writing down to the kids, and when the ten books came out they were an instant success. To date they have sold more than a million copies. I have done two additional books since the life of Custer--the life of the Wright brothers and a war story.

Hundreds of schools have adopted the Landmark books as textbooks. I emphasize the fact that this has been the most sensational development in the book business in some years, to stress the importance of any book that comes out bearing the imprint of the Landmark Series as published by Random House.

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Mr. Clyde Tolson

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May 28, 1953

A couple of books have already been written on the FBI for kids, but after reading them, Bennett felt there was room for another one. In fact, he has received a great many requests from educators for a biography of the director which would in a very real sense not merely be his story, but one which would reflect the aspirations and the great accomplishments of the bureau.

I of course know your policy and the policy of the director. I know you never give any official sanction to a story about the boss or about the activities of the FBI. What I do want is this. I would like to submit to a very voluntary censorship by the department which would, of course, be unofficial. When I finish the book, could you have someone read it so I can be sure that I have made no inadvertent errors and so I can be sure that the book will reveal to youngsters the real worth and spirit of the department?

Are there any books already written about the boss that I could use as source material? If so, could I either borrow them from your library, or if you could let me know their names and publishers, I could get hold of them.

I'm sure the boss would rather have such a book merely tell the history of the FBI without personally glorifying him, and this I will try to do. However, as we all know, the director is a very real hero to millions of kids today, and Bennett is convinced that if we call this "Hoover of the FBI" it will sell a million copies. The book itself will be much more than a personal narrative of the boss's life, and knowing him I feel this is how he would want it.

I would appreciate it, Clyde, if you would pass this letter on to someone who could perhaps give me a little advice on this. Somewhere in the book I want to take one case which the department has broken and go into it rather exhaustively, with emphasis on the fact that the solution would have been impossible without the rigorous training the agents receive. I want to point out why it is the qualifications for agents are so high, and how there is a very real and practical reason for this.

Keep in mind the fact that I am not asking for any official blessing, but merely asking for a little unofficial help, and when the book is completed, an expert eye to read it.

Mr. Clyde Tolson

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May 28, 1953

The book at least will give me a chance to come to Washington and, I hope, wangle an invitation to dinner out of you and the boss. It has been a long time since we shared those smoked shrimp at Harvey's.

I hope this letter won't be too much of a damn nuisance to you, Clyde. My best regards to the boss.

Sincerely,

  
Quentin Reynolds *nr*

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June 12, 1953

Mr. Quentin Reynolds  
Bedford Village, New York

DATE 12/6/81 SP7 MCE/PBZ

Dear Quentin:

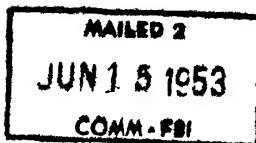
Nichols has discussed with me in detail the subject matter of the conversation which he had with Mr. Cerf and you on Thursday and he has also delivered to me the letter signed by Mr. Cerf and you, dated June 11.

In view of the representations which Mr. Cerf and you have made, we will be most happy to cooperate to the fullest possible extent with you in the preparation of a book on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be issued as a part of the Landmark series by Random House.

While Mr. Nichols will be away next week, he will be in communication with you regarding future procedure and arrangements will be made to furnish you with the background material.

I do hope that this project will fulfill all of our expectations.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

Edgar

cc: [redacted]

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cc: Mr. Bennett  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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June 11th, 1953

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'm very anxious to do a story of the Bureau, as part of the  
Landmark series published by Random House for juvenile readers.

Before I undertake to begin the book, I would like to go on  
record as saying that any collateral rights--such as radio,  
television, and motion picture, or anything of the sort--would  
not be disposed of by Random House or by myself without the  
explicit consent of the Bureau. I would also like to add that  
both Bennett Cerf and I are only concerned in doing a book  
that can be of use to the Bureau and of interest to juvenile  
readers. And I would only do the book if I had the coopera-  
tion of the Bureau and its unofficial blessing.

As far as Bennett Cerf and I are concerned, this letter has  
the force of a contract.

Sincerely yours,

*Quentin Reynolds*  
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TO: ☒ Director  
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ENCLOSURE

November 3, 1954

Mr. Bennett A. Gersf  
President  
Random House, Incorporated  
257 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett:

I wanted you to see the enclosed issue  
of our employees' magazine "The Investigator" which  
features your new Landmark book on the inside back  
cover.

Our employees' reaction to this volume  
has been most pleasing to me, and I am glad that  
we had the opportunity of working with you on this  
project.

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

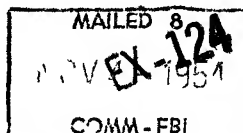
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NOTE: Gersf is head of Random House, Inc., which  
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BENNETT A. CERF, PRESIDENT

November 10, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your heartwarming note of November 3rd. We particularly appreciated the full page given to our new Landmark book in your employees' magazine "The Investigator." The book, incidentally, is going great guns.

Phyllis and I would love to buy you dinner some evening in New York if you could find the time. We'll never forget your kindness to us while we were honeymooning in Washington!

As ever,

Bennett Cerf

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: September 30, 1955

FROM : L. N. Conroy

SUBJECT: BENNETT A. CERF  
NAME CHECK REQUEST

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Limited inquiries, including contacts with informants, made in view of information in Bufiles which reflects his name associated since at least 1934 with various front organizations, and mentioned in support of various Communist-inspired movements. No information developed Cerf then engaged in Communist activities. New York office submitted report on 1-25-51, recommending Cerf for inclusion on Security Index (SI). By 2-12-51, letter Bureau advised New York that SI card on Cerf not warranted at that time. No dissemination of New York report. (100-369422)

By letter to Director 7-15-52, Cerf proposed, with writing assistance of Quentin Reynolds, to do book called "The History of the FBI." On 6-12-53, Cerf was advised that Bureau would cooperate with Reynolds in publication of such a book. Bufiles reflect cordial correspondence between Cerf and the Director. New York report dated 1-8-54, entitled "The Mental Hygiene Association of Westchester County, Inc.; Internal Security - C" reflects Cerf was principal speaker at Panel Forum of this organization in March, 1952. No evidence organization subversive; however, New York report disseminated to G-2, ONI, and OSI on 1-15-54, reflects summary of Cerf's previous association and support of Communist front or inspired organizations. (100-408169; 94-40232)

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BENNETT A. CERF  
Born: May 25, 1895  
New York City

The records of his Bureau reflect the following information pertaining to the subject of your inquiry. All confidential informants referred to in this memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

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During 1944, a confidential informant available the October, 1944, issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty" issued by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which reflects that the American Committee for Spanish Freedom had been created and was aimed at "rallying Americans to support the liberation struggle of the Spanish people." The article listed Bennett Cerf as sponsor of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

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During May, 1945, another confidential informant advised that Bennett A. Cerf, 20 East 57th Street, New York City, was a member of the Executive Board of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

The American Committee for Spanish Freedom (anonymous source) the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflects that, according to the letterhead of the American Pushkin Committee, Bennett A. Cerf was an advisor of the Committee. According to the letterhead the Committee was for the commemoration of the death of the great Russian poet, Pushkin.

The American Pushkin Committee was listed as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 193, pages 331 and 335.

The "New York Times" in its issue dated November 5, 1947, reflects that Bennett Cerf joined in a

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broadcast called "Hollywood Fights Back," sponsored by the Committee for the First Amendment.

"The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, in its issue dated November 9, 1947, reflects that Bennett Cerf joined a protest against the action of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in connection with its investigation in Hollywood.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 210, reflects that the Committee for the First Amendment was "a recently created Communist front in the Defense of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the Communists who refuse to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C."

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflects that Bennett A. Cerf was a sponsor of the Conference on Pan-American Democracy held in Washington, D. C. on December 10 and 11, 1938.

The "Daily Worker" in its issue dated June 11, 1945, page 8, column 5, reflects that Bennett Cerf was one of more than 300 prominent citizens who signed an appeal for State Department action to help free the thousands of anti-Fascists held in Argentine jails. According to the Council for Pan-American Democracy, the appeal was made to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius and United States Ambassador Spruille Braden.

The Council for Pan-American Democracy, also known as the Conference on Pan-American Democracy, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to the report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, "Equality," Volume I, Number 6, dated October, 1939, "an independent non-sectarian monthly journal to defend democratic rights and combat national and religious intolerances," listed Bennett A. Cerf as a member of the Editorial Council.

The report reflected that "Equality" appeared in May, 1935, and apparently was suspended late in 1940. The report continued that "from the fact that its leading personnel was

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either Communist or pro-Communist and from the fact that the periodical sedulously aped the line of the Communist Party, it is clear that it was actually an organ of the Communist Party assuming the guise of championing against anti-Semitism."

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Another confidential informant advised, in 1948, that at a rally held by the Freedom from Fear Committee on May 9, 1948, [redacted] told of raising money for the Hollywood Ten. He said that a party was being held in Washington sponsored by one [redacted] and Bennett Cerf.

[redacted] According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 35 and 239, the Freedom from Fear Committee was "one of the Communist Party's latest fronts" which came into being in Hollywood and in New York and was created "to raise funds for the defense of nineteen unfriendly witnesses before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities investigation of Communist activity in Hollywood, ten of whom were indicted for contempt of Congress."

During 1943, another confidential informant advised that Bennett Cerf was among the leaders in the movement which resulted in the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. [redacted]

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Another confidential informant advised, in 1947, that Bennett Cerf was listed as one of the individuals who had supported the National Citizens Political Action Committee or the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in previous years and one who should be approached for a contribution to the Progressive Party in 1947.

[redacted] The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 262.

Another confidential informant advised, in 1944, that at a dinner held at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, on May 10, 1944, sponsored by the Joint anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Bennett Cerf, noted publisher and author, paid tribute to the underground forces of the world working against the overthrow of Fascism and criticized elements in the United States for "red baiting."

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During 1945, another confidential informant advised that on January 20, 1945, Bennett Cerf was considered by the Chapter Secretaries of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as a member for the Campaign Committee. This informant also advised on February 13, 1945, that Cerf had been proposed for membership in the National Publicity Advisory Council of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

(anonymous source)

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflects that the program of the Committee Against Censorship published by the National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts, 114 West 14th Street, New York City, in 1935, reflected that Bennett A. Cerf was a member of the National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts. According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 52, the "Communists regard the infiltration, manipulation and control of artistic and cultural mediums as one of the indispensable phases of their program of revolution." The National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts is "typical" of Communist front organizations in this class."

During 1938, another confidential informant advised that in that year the letterhead of the National Committee for People's Rights contained the name Bennett Cerf. The National Committee for People's Rights has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, June 25, 1942, page 20; and March 29, 1944, pages 48 and 182, as a "Communist front which succeeded the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners. The organization under its new name remained entirely under the control of the Communist Party." According to the informant, Bennett Cerf was also a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in 1937, according to testimony before the La Follette Committee in Washington, D. C. in January, 1937.

(Bulet to New York, May 18, 1950)

Another confidential informant advised during early 1942 that Bennett Cerf, a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, was eligible for election to the Executive Committee of that organization.

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The National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York World Telegram" in its issue dated December 2, 1947, reflected that early in 1947, the National Negro Congress set up a cultural division and among those listed as members was Bennett Cerf.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During 1941 another confidential informant advised that Bennett A. Cerf, 112 West 59th Street, New York City, business address 20 East 57th Street New York City, had

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[REDACTED] The New York Conference for Inalienable Rights has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 149. (anonymous source)

Based upon the above information, inquiries were made by this Bureau during December, 1950, and January, 1951, with confidential informants acquainted with Communist activities in New York concerning Bennett A. Cerf. Informants contacted at that time were unable to furnish any information concerning Bennett A. Cerf.

During 1950, records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflected that in 1950 Bennett A. Cerf, 132 East 62nd Street, New York City, registered for one of the two major political parties. (All information appearing in this memorandum taken from 100-369422)

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

"BOSTON POST"

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While discussing other matters with Bennett Cerf, the head of Random House on 9/29/55, Cerf pointed out that it was his opinion that considerable misunderstanding pertaining to the Bureau was circulated by our agents and by individuals who pop off without knowing whereof they speak. An illustration, he stated that he has been very much intrigued with [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] has been absolutely fantastic in his financial prognostications and building a fortune from nothing. He stated that approximately a year ago he wrote [REDACTED] letter suggesting that [REDACTED] write a book for Random House which would recount his rise to riches.

Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] came into see Cerf and they had a very pleasant discussion about the possibilities of a book and Cerf made an offer of furnishing any information to [REDACTED] about Random House which [REDACTED] would like to have whereupon [REDACTED] stated that he had checked Bennett Cerf out and he made the specific point that he had checked Cerf out with the FBI. Cerf was somewhat taken back and he asked [REDACTED] how it was possible for him to get a check on him with the FBI whereupon [REDACTED] stated that he had access to FBI files. Cerf then observed that he thought the FBI files were confidential [REDACTED] then changed his tune somewhat and stated that he had a former FBI agent with him and this former agent could get anything that he wanted. Former SA [REDACTED] His attitude has always been good. He has been cooperative with the Bureau.

I told Cerf that we, of course, knew that [REDACTED] working for him but that it would not be possible for either [REDACTED] to have access to FBI files. Cerf stated he thought that this was the case although at the time he toyed with the idea of calling me then and there but then dismissed it since he was certain that this was not the case. I told Cerf that in such instances we always liked to run these things down and I asked him if he would mind us utilizing this information. He stated that it was perfectly permissible with him. I told him that quite frankly, I would like to go to [REDACTED] and ask him the basis for the statement that he had checked Cerf out with the FBI and had access to FBI files.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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has always been very friendly to the Bureau in the past, nevertheless, I do think that SAC Powers should see him personally. A letter to SAC Powers is attached.



SAC, BOSTON

October 2, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

"BOSTON POST"

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On 9/29/55, while Mr. Nichols, of the Bureau, was conferring with Bennett Cerf, the Head of Random House, one of the leading New York publishing firms, Mr. Cerf related that approximately a year ago [redacted] of the "Boston Post," called upon him pursuant to a letter Mr. Cerf had sent [redacted] inviting him to write a book for Random House. In the course of the conversation [redacted] informed Mr. Cerf that he had checked him out with the FBI. Mr. Cerf inquired how this was possible, and [redacted] was reported to have stated that he had access to FBI files. Mr. Cerf expressed the thought that FBI files were confidential whereupon [redacted] indicated that he had a former agent working for him who could get whatever he wanted. Mr. Cerf did not pursue the matter further at the time because he felt that [redacted] was erroneous in his statement.

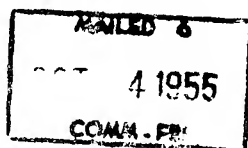
It is desired that you call upon [redacted] and inform him that Mr. Cerf recently related to a Bureau official that [redacted] made the statement that he had checked on Mr. Cerf with the FBI and had access to FBI files. You should then inquire as to the basis for such a statement made by [redacted] which is obviously untrue.

cc - Mr. Jones

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O  
Mr. Bennett Cerf  
President  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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ON 12/6/88

Dear Bennett:

As I told you when we had lunch recently in New York, I was very much disturbed regarding what you had to say on the representations made by [redacted] of the "Boston Post" pertaining to the Bureau.

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We quite naturally like to follow up on such matters and our Agents in Charge called on [redacted] who categorically denied ever stating that he had access to FBI files and appeared to be quite disturbed about the report.

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
United States Department  
of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

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ON 12/6/88

Dear Lou:

I have your letter of October 19 telling me that [redacted] categorically denied ever stating that he ever had access to FBI files. Regardless of this statement, I assure you the conversation that I reported to you was held in the very office in which I am dictating this note. If it ever should suit your purpose, I am willing to charge him with this face to face.

I'll look forward to our dinner together in Washington.

As ever,

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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I talked to Bennett Cerf, of Random House, this morning. You will recall that Cerf is to publish the Bureau's history and the original commitment for which Cerf was paying Whitehead was for six months which was up on May 1. Cerf has previously agreed to a one-month extension. I told him today that I did not think it would be humanly possible for Whitehead to get the book in final form by the first of June. Cerf stated that he would be very glad to put through a voucher for an additional month. I told him I doubted it would take the whole month of June. Cerf then stated he was leaving to go to Europe with his wife and would return on 6/20/56.

I told Cerf that we would arrange to have this as the deadline and that I felt reasonably certain that Whitehead could deliver the manuscript either by 6/20/56 or 6/21/56.

Cerf then raised the question about publication date and wondered if we shouldn't plan now for Spring publication. I told him that I thought we should still shoot for Christmas publication. Cerf stated that with as an important book as this will be, he wanted to bring it out under the proper buildup and that he seriously doubted whether there would be time to get it out. I told Cerf that I was certain that he would be surprised at what good shape the book was in since he used the term of there not being sufficient time after receiving the manuscript which would be needed to edit the book by the end of June; that I doubted that he would find much need for editing as Whitehead was doing an outstanding job and that to my own certain knowledge each individual chapter had been rewritten as many as five times so that he would find it in pretty good shape. Cerf stated that he was delighted and that he looked for this to be one of the big books that his firm would handle this year.

He then commented about the item in Winchell's column and stated that he would like to have gotten out an announcement. I told him that in due time that he could announce upon his return the receipt of the manuscript and that when the time came we would help get him more publicity than his own Publicity Department

Enclosures *sent 5-3-56*  
cc - Mr. Jones

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could get. He stated that he has no doubt of this.

and Cerf stated that if we could deliver the book on 6/20/56 or 6/21/56 that if Whitehead and I could stay there for two or three days we could go over the book quickly and considerable time would be saved if we could be there. I told him that we would do our part when the time came.

I inquired as to where he was going in Europe. He stated that his wife had never been in Europe and he had not been in Europe proper for the past 18 years. They will be in Rome on 5/12/56, and in Paris on 5/21/56. I told Cerf to call upon Messrs. Cattaneo in Rome and L'Allier in Paris. A letter is attached to the Legal Attaches.

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May 3, 1956

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Peter J. Cattaneo  
Legal Attache  
The American Embassy  
Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Cattaneo:

Mr. Bennett Cerf, accompanied by his wife, will arrive in Rome on May 12, 1956, and will stay at the Grand Hotel. They contemplate arriving in Paris on May 21, 1956, where they have reservations at the Ritz Hotel. Mr. Cerf has been given the names of the Legal Attaches in both Rome and Paris and he no doubt will call upon both of you. In the meantime, I desire that you arrange to call upon Mr. Cerf upon his arrival in Rome on May 12, 1956, and it is desired that such courtesies as possible be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Cerf both in Rome and in Paris. In the event his itinerary covers other cities in Europe where we have representatives, then you should make appropriate arrangements for our representatives to be notified.

For your information, Mr. Cerf is a well-known publisher and heads the publishing firm of Random House. This publishing company will publish the history of the Bureau which is presently being written by Mr. Donald F. Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead was formerly the chief feature writer for the Associated Press and upon completion of his present assignment will assume the position of head of the Washington Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune. Mr. Cerf has always been friendly disposed to the Bureau and will be most appreciative of any courtesies extended to him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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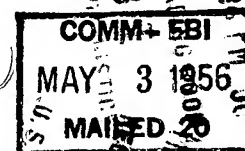
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May 4, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks for your letter of May 3rd.  
We are mighty excited about the coming  
F.B.I. book and I'm glad to know that  
all of you are so happy with it, too.

Phyllis and I hope that we'll be able  
to get together with you for dinner  
or something soon after our return  
from Europe on June 20th.

With cordial best regards,

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Bennett Cerf

Thank you for bringing  
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May 3, 1956

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House, Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett:

I have written Mr. Peter J. Cattaneo, Legal Attache, The American Embassy, Rome, and Mr. Rolland O. L'Allier, Legal Attache, The American Embassy, Paris, advising them of the contemplated visit of Mrs. Cerf and you to Rome on May 12, 1956, and Paris on May 21, 1956. Both of these men will be very happy indeed to be of every possible assistance, and I hope you will not hesitate to call upon them. I do hope that Mrs. Cerf and you have a most enjoyable European trip.

Messrs. Whitehead and Nichols tell me that they are reasonably certain the history of the Bureau will be completed so that the manuscript can be delivered to you on June 20, 1956, or June 21, 1956, upon your return from Europe. I think you will be pleased with the job Mr. Whitehead is doing. While he has completed twenty-four chapters, I have had the privilege of reading only the first thirteen. I must say that he has done one of the finest writing jobs I have seen in portraying in a straightforward, effective manner the activities of the FBI.

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Mr. Bennett A. Cerf

May 3, 1956

The material is so voluminous that he naturally has had to make arbitrary decisions as to what he would include and what he would exclude. However, this is a decision which he as the writer can best make and we have endeavored in each individual situation to give him the full facts and let him make the choice of the material.

All of us in the Bureau are most enthusiastic over Mr. Whitehead's accomplishments to date, and I am naturally anxious for you to see the finished manuscript.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Donald F. Whitehead (by letter dated 5/3/56)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.



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The American Embassy  
Rome, Italy

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Date: May 15, 1956  
To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attache (62-3)  
Rome, Italy

Subject: BENNETT CERF  
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Rebulet of 5/3/56.

Mr. and Mrs. BENNETT CERF arrived in Rome on May 12, and left on May 15, for Venice, Montreux and Paris, planning to arrive in Paris, as previously scheduled, on May 21. While here they were accorded the courtesies of this Office.

On May 15, Legal Attache at Paris was advised the CERFS expected to arrive in Paris on scheduled date.

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Date: May 29, 1956  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Paris (66-62-233)  
Subject: BENNETT CERF  
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ReBulet 5/3/56 to Legat, Rome.

The Paris office has been in contact with and has been able to extend the usual courtesies to Mr. and Mrs. BENNETT CERF, who are presently at the Ritz Hotel at Paris.

Mr. CERF advised on 5/22/56 that he is proceeding to London and will be staying at the Savoy Hotel from May 31 to June 14 next, on which date he will sail for the United States on the SS United States.

For the information of the London office, Mr. CERF is the well known publisher and head of the publishing firm "Random House." This publishing company will soon publish the history of the Bureau, which is presently being written by Mr. DONALD F. WHITEHEAD. Mr. CERF has always been friendly disposed to the Bureau and will be most appreciative of any courtesies extended to him.

It would be appreciated if the New York office could arrange to meet Mr. and Mrs. CERF upon their arrival in New York on or about June 19, 1956.

An extra copy of this communication is being enclosed for transmittal to New York.

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cc. London (sent direct)

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Date: May 28, 1956  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legal Attache (62-3)  
Rome, Italy  
Subject: GINGER ROGERS;  
JACQUES BERGERAC  
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American motion picture star GINGER ROGERS and her husband, JACQUES BERGERAC, were in Rome from May 12 until May 25, 1956, when she left for Los Angeles. The writer had occasion to meet the BERGERACS through Mr. and Mrs. BENNETT CERF, Miss ROGERS being a first cousin of Mrs. CERF.

While here, Mr. and Mrs. JACQUES BERGERAC were accorded the courtesies of this Office.

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President  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett:

It was very kind of you to write me as you did on June 22, 1956, upon your return to New York, and I was very glad to receive your comments on our representatives abroad with whom you came in contact. I do hope that Mrs. Cerf and you had a most enjoyable visit and that you are thoroughly rested up to undertake your big assignment.

With reference to our history, I think that Don Whitehead has done an outstanding job and he certainly has reported events and situations as they occurred. I do hope that it meets with your approval.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Edgar

cc - Mr. Jones

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June 22, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On May 3rd you were good enough to tell me that you had written Mr. Cattaneo in Rome and Mr. L'Allier in Paris, advising them that my wife and I were headed in their general direction. This note is to tell you that both of them contacted us immediately upon our arrival in their respective cities and could not possibly have been more helpful or friendly. Your London representative also called us up when we reached England, but our schedule there was so crowded that we had no time to meet him in person.

It was fine to discover what wonderful representatives you have in our foreign embassies. I thought both Mr. Cattaneo and Mr. L'Allier were outstanding gentlemen, fully worthy of the responsibilities with which they have been entrusted.

Thank you again for your friendly interest.

Cordially,

*Bennett Cerf*  
Bennett Cerf

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November 30, 1956

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett: /

I am enclosing for your personal use a copy of the  
December, 1956, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

The inside back cover contains an illustrated  
announcement regarding "The FBI Story." I certainly think the  
contents and style of our book will be of interest and value to  
the law enforcement officers who receive the Bulletin.

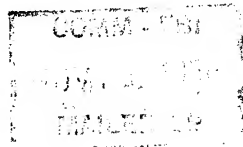
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Mr. Bennett Cerf  
Random House Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
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Dear Bennett:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which  
I am writing to [redacted] as I thought you  
might be interested in seeing it.

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I thought [redacted] comments on the  
book last evening were excellent, and I must say that  
you have been very sharp in your questioning. I hope  
the improvement continues.

Sincerely,

*Edgar*

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Dear Bennett:

A friend sent me a copy of "The New York Times" for Friday, November 30, which was picked up in Chicago. You will note that the ad was placed upside down. Perhaps this was accidental, although I must confess I have never seen an ad upside down in the Times before.

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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A slightly inverted Tribute - but otherwise good. We're going out to do bookstores this morning & ease into conversation about the book.  
THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1956

## Books of The Times

By NASH K. BURGER

IN April, 1861, two days after Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the United States Army, another officer from Virginia, Joseph E. Johnston, called at the offices of the Secretary of War in Washington for the same purpose. Like Lee, Johnston was a West Point graduate; he had served brilliantly in the Mexican War and he speedily attained high rank in the Confederate Army. At the war's end, when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Johnston was still slugging it out with Sherman in the Carolinas.

Because (except for First Manassas, where he could claim equal credit with Beauregard for the Confederate victory) Johnston won no great battles and, indeed, has been blamed, if unfairly, for several Confederate reverses, he has failed to receive the recognition he deserves as one of the South's great captains. This oversight has now been remedied in a well researched and persuasively written biography, "A Different Valor,"\* by Gilbert E. Govan and James W. Livingood, both members of the faculty at the University of Chattanooga.

The Govan-Livingood reassessment of Johnston finds support in two other recent volumes as well: "Sherman's March Through the Carolinas,"† by John G. Barrett, and "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War,"‡ edited by Ned Bradford. These two books contain plenty of evidence that Grant and Sherman, as well as Johnston's own men and fellow officers, had a hearty respect for the military talents of "Old Joe."

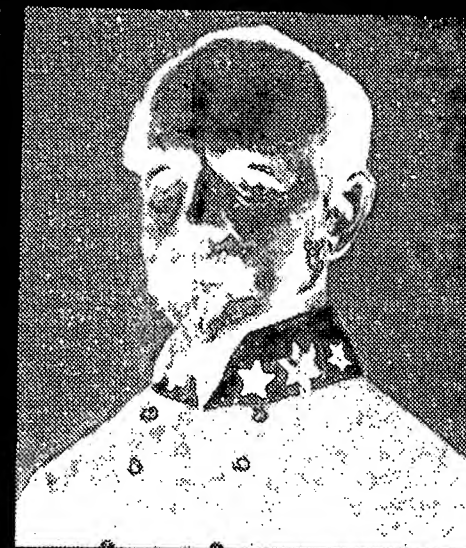
### Why His Basic Thesis Failed

Johnston served for a time as commander in each of the three great theatres of war: in the east in Virginia, in the west during the Vicksburg campaign, in the center at Chattanooga and Atlanta. In Virginia in 1862, in the Peninsular campaign against McClellan, the results were inconclusive. In Mississippi in 1863 Johnston failed to halt Grant's drive toward Vicksburg or the siege and capture of that important river port. In 1864 Johnston was driven back from Chattanooga to Atlanta by Sherman's thrust into the heart of the Confederacy and was relieved by Confederate President Jefferson Davis and replaced by Gen. John B. Hood.

The general argument of the Govan-Livingood biography is that Johnston's basic strategy was for concentration of troops for a powerful attack at a time and place of his choosing rather than the dispersal of forces for the prestige defense of the maximum amount of territory. The authors argue that Johnston was consistently thwarted in carrying out his plans by the impatience and hostility of President Davis and the opposition of authorities at Richmond.

Govan and Livingood give a comprehensive and unusually clear account of Johnston's several campaigns in support of their theory. They also have chapters on Johnston's family life and pre-war and post-war years. And they offer various reasons for the enmity shown Johnston by Davis, which a letter of Mrs. Johnston suggests began before the war and which was certainly not helped by Johnston's hot letter to Davis in 1861 on being assigned fourth place in the Confederate military hierarchy instead of first.

In "Sherman's March Through the Carolinas," Mr. Barrett, who teaches history at the Virginia Military Institute, is reporting Johnston's last campaign as well as Sherman's. It



Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, C. S. A.

is an account that documents Johnston's reputation as a master of defensive warfare. Both the Barrett and Govan-Livingood volumes include the memorable story of John C. Breckenridge's participation in the Johnston-Sherman surrender negotiations near Durham, N. C. Breckenridge, former Vice President of the United States, a Confederate general and Secretary of War, fortified himself with a generous portion of Sherman's bourbon and argued the Confederate cause so stubbornly that Sherman finally pushed back his chair and exclaimed: "See here, gentlemen, who is doing the surrendering anyway? If this goes on, you'll have me sending a letter of apology to Jeff Davis."

The Bradford book, "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," is a condensation of the authoritative Civil War narratives by participants on both sides that originally appeared in the Century Magazine in the Eighteen Eighties and were later reprinted in four volumes. While this condensation does not include any of Johnston's four contributions to the Century series, it has many references to him, among these Grant's comment that Johnston's plans at a crucial point in the Vicksburg campaign were sound, but were disobeyed by Pemberton, commanding Confederate forces inside the city.

### Mutual Regard of Old Foes

The Bradford book also offers evidence of hearty Federal respect for Johnston's brilliant defense against Sherman as that general drove toward Atlanta. The campaign caused Sherman to declare that "no officer or soldier who served under me will ever question the generalship of Joseph E. Johnston" and that in Johnston's replacement by Hood "the Confederate Government rendered us most valuable service."

The friendship and esteem in which Johnston was held not only by most Confederate leaders but also by his chief opponents, McClellan, Grant and Sherman, say a great deal for his character and ability. Johnston was to outlive all three of those famous Northern generals whom he had opposed on so many far-flung battlefields—and he went North to attend the funeral of each one.

In February, 1891, at the age of 84, he stood bareheaded in New York on a raw, cold day

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 12-3-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

You will recall that Bennett Cerf wanted an autographed book for his library at home. One is attached. After the Director has autographed it, if you will return it to me, I will ask Whitehead to also autograph it in line with Cerf's request.

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Mr. Bennett Cerf  
President  
Random House Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

RECEIVED BY SP-7 mac/BR  
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Dear Bennett:

I thought you might be interested in reading the attached monograph entitled "Communism Versus the Jewish People." We prepared this monograph originally for the use of our own agents assigned to internal security work. As you will note, the monograph highlights the fundamental differences between communism and the religious, cultural, and political ideals of the Jewish people. It establishes that the communist movement is entirely incompatible with everything the Jewish people stand for traditionally.

With best wishes and kind regards,

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(cc) Mr. Jones (detached)

(cover memo from Nicho's to Tolson 3-1-57 bearing no caption but making reference to call from Judge Kaufman to Mr. Nichols 2-28-57)

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Bennett Cerf, President

RANDOM HOUSE INC. 457 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK 22

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Boardman ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
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March 5, 1957

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy  
of your monograph entitled COMMUNISM VERSUS  
THE JEWISH PEOPLE. It will be useful!

THE F.B.I. STORY continues to be the #1 non-  
fiction best-seller in the United States. We  
have never had a book that I have been prouder  
to see under our Random House imprint!

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As ever,

*Bennett*

Bennett (Cerf)

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April 3, 1957

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Bennett:

Enclosed is a copy of the April, 1957,  
issue of "The Investigator." I thought you might be  
interested in the articles on pages thirty-one and  
thirty-five concerning Don Whitehead's book.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Edgar

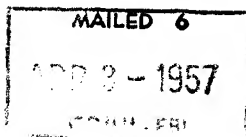
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SAC, New York (100-65568) (orig and 2)

April 25, 1957

Director, FBI (100-57453)

ALFRED K. STERN, was., et al.  
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Your air-tel 4/19/57 requested authority to interview Bennett Cerf concerning his knowledge of captioned subject and [redacted] This interview is authorized. Handle promptly and submit results to the Bureau.

An extra copy of this letter is submitted for your file 100-98532 on Cerf.

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NOTE: Bennett Cerf is president of Random House, Inc., publishers. This organization published Don Whitehead's "The FBI Story." It previously published a book by Quentin Reynolds, "The FBI." Since 1952 Cerf has exchanged cordial correspondence with the Bureau. He is the subject of a closed SM - C investigation which was closed in January, 1951. This investigation was initiated because of his association with approximately 17 communist front and/or -dominated groups during the 1930's and 1940's and because he was reportedly pro-Russian. In view of his past connection with these groups, he may have pertinent information concerning the Sterns. It is noted that in 1945 Cerf congratulated [redacted] on the arrival of her son (by adoption) and told her that he enjoyed her new novel. In September, 1945, he invited [redacted] to have lunch with him.

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cc - 100-369422 (Cerf)

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MR. TOLSON:

Bennett Cerf is making a speech out at the Sheraton-Park Wednesday morning and is returning on the 1:40 plane. He wants to come by the Bureau around 11 A.M. since he has not been in the building since he was here on his honeymoon many years ago. I agreed to go to lunch with him.

He inquired whether there would be any possibility of the Director being in as he would like to pay his respects. The Director may want to say hello to him.

Respectfully,

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L. B. NICHOLS

cc-Mr. Holloman  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: May 14, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BENNETT A. CERF  
 PRESIDENT, RANDOM HOUSE, INC.  
 VISIT WITH DIRECTOR  
 MAY 15, 1957

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BACKGROUND:

Cerf born New York City May 25, 1898, educated Columbia University. Twice married, father of two sons. Founded Random House in 1927. Well-known anthologist of humor books. Has homes in New York City and Mount Kisco, New York. (Who's Who in America--1956-1957, p. 442)

RELATIONS WITH BUREAU:

Bureau has enjoyed cordial relations with Cerf during and subsequent to Random House's publication of "The FBI Story: A Report to the People" by Don Whitehead. This book has had six printings and 250,000 volumes are in print. For 22 weeks (December 16, 1956--May 12, 1957) the Whitehead book has been rated as a top best selling nonfiction work by the Washington Star, Washington Post, New York Times and New York Herald Tribune. Since February 3, 1957, the New York Times has rated it the #1 best seller of nonfiction works. Exceptionally fine cooperation has existed between the Bureau and Cerf in all phases of this book. As of April 15, 1957, 11,340 copies of "FBI Story" sold to Bureau personnel.

DATA IN BUFILES:

Bureau files reflect that Cerf was known to be or allegedly associated with many communist front organizations, such as the American Committee for Spanish Freedom; Council for Pan-American Democracy; the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; National Committee Against Censorship of the Theater Arts; the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners; the National Negro Congress; and others. His activities in this sphere date back to the mid 1930's and apparently ceased in the post World War II period. On January 25, 1951, New York Office recommended him for inclusion on Security Index; however, Bureau rejected this recommendation because information available to Bureau did not warrant such inclusion. (100-369422-4)

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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cc - Mr. Holloman

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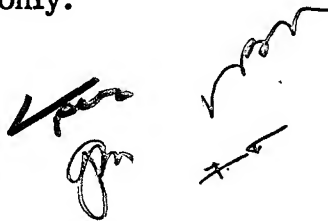
Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

May 14, 1957

On Mr. and Mrs. Cerf's trip to Europe in the Summer of 1956 we extended them courtesies through our Legal Attaches for which he was most appreciative. The Director also autographed a copy of the Whitehead book to Mr. Cerf as follows: "In appreciation of your helpful and understanding assistance which has made possible this book, Sincerely, J. Edgar Hoover" on December 3, 1956. On March 1, 1957, by personal and confidential letter the Director sent Mr. Cerf a copy of the monograph entitled "Communism vs. the Jewish People" for which Cerf expressed thanks on March 5, 1957. (100-369422-Serials 12, 18 and 20)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

Handwritten signatures and initials. On the left, a signature that appears to be 'J. Edgar Hoover' with a large 'J' and 'H'. Below it is a smaller signature or set of initials. To the right, there is a signature that looks like 'W. C. Sullivan' and another set of initials below it.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: 5-22-57

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I told Bennett Cerf we had considered his desire to contribute \$2,500 this year and \$2,500 next year to the Agents Fund and that we had come to the conclusion that we did not desire to make a precedent.

Bennett thought we were being foolish. He stated that he really wanted to do this and I told him we knew he did and we appreciated this no end. He then stated that if at any time there should be a special situation come up which we couldn't handle we should let him know so he can contribute. I told him we would do this.

I suggest the attached note be sent to him.

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cc - Mr. Mohr

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Mr. Bennett Cerf  
President  
Random House Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

12/6/81 SP-7/mr/ps

Dear Bennett:

I was deeply touched, as were my associates, by your thoughtful suggestion of wanting to contribute to the Agents Fund but, for reasons which were outlined to you, we feel that we should not take advantage of your kind offer. You can rest assured that in line with your conversation should any special occasion arise we will not hesitate to call upon you. Again I want to express our deep appreciation for your thoughtful and generous offer.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar

NOTE: See Nichols to Tolson Memorandum dated 5-22-57. LBN:nl

cc - Mr. Mohr

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 17, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *3000 11/2/57*

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Bennett Cerf was in Washington on May 15. He told me that he would like to contribute \$2,500 to our Agents Fund for the tax year of 1956 and that he also wanted to contribute a similar amount next year which could be charged against the tax year of 1957. I told him that we deeply appreciated his thought and would prefer that no action be taken at the present time. He stated that he really wanted to contribute the money because of the help that we had given on "The FBI Story," which had been very lucrative to Random House and, of course, he wanted to take the benefit of the tax deduction.

I told Bennett that we would give some thought to the matter and I would be in touch with him in the near future. We have never gotten tax exemptions for any of our funds from the standpoint of accepting contributions which would be tax exempt. During the period of time that [redacted] for a number of years he gave me a thousand dollars which went into the treasury of the FBI Recreation Association. He, of course, took tax deduction on this. No question was ever raised.

I think, however, that before we took any sizable sum we should go through the formality of having it officially declared tax exempt from the standpoint of accepting contributions, which in turn would become tax deductible. There are certain virtues, however, in being in the position of not having profited from a commercial enterprise and I accordingly suggest that we thank Bennett and tell him that we do not desire to accept the funds and will keep it in mind if something should come up in the future which would be beneficial and then we will bring the matter up to him.

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cc - Mr. Mohr

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NAME CHECK

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*Gift of Phyllis Cerf*  
**BENNETT CERF**  
**Born: May 25 1898**  
**New York, New York**

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reflect the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request. All confidential informants referred to in this memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

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*12/1/57*  
During 1944, a confidential informant made available the October, 1944, issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty" issued by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which reflects that the American Committee for Spanish Freedom had been created and was aimed at "rallying Americans to support the liberation struggle of the Spanish people." The article listed Bennett Cerf as a sponsor of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

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During May, 1945, another confidential informant advised that Bennett A. Cerf, 20 East 57th Street, New York City, was a member of the Executive Board of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. (anonymous source) *(u)*

The American Committee for Spanish Freedom and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. *DECLASSIFIED BY SP3BTJ/RG*

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflects that, according to the letterhead of the American Pushkin Committee, Bennett A. Cerf was an advisor of the Committee. According to the letterhead the Committee was for the commemoration of the death of the great Russian poet, Pushkin.

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Bennett Cerf

The American Pushkin Committee was cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 334 and 335.

The "New York Times" in its issue dated November 3, 1947, reflects that Bennett Cerf joined in a broadcast called "Hollywood Fights Back," sponsored by the Committee for the First Amendment."

"The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, in its issue dated November 9, 1947, reflects that Bennett Cerf joined a protest against the action of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in connection with its investigation in Hollywood.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 210, reflects that the Committee for the First Amendment was "a recently created Communist front in the Defense of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the Communists who refuse to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C."

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflects that Bennett A. Cerf was a sponsor of the Conference on Pan-American Democracy held in Washington, D. C., on December 10 and 11, 1938.

The "Daily Worker" in its issue dated June 11, 1945, page 8, column 5, reflects that Bennett Cerf was one of more than 300 prominent citizens who signed an appeal for State Department action to help free the thousands of anti-Fascists held in Argentine jails. According to the Council for Pan-American Democracy, the appeal was made to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius and United States Ambassador Spruille Braden.

The Council for Pan-American Democracy, also known as the Conference on Pan-American Democracy, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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**Bennett Cerf**

According to the report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, "Equality," Volume I, Number 6, dated October, 1939, "an independent non-sectarian monthly journal to defend democratic rights and combat national and religious intolerances," listed Bennett A. Cerf as a member of the Editorial Council.

The report reflected that "Equality" appeared in May, 1935, and apparently was suspended late in 1940. The report continued that "from the fact that its leading personnel was either Communist or pro-Communist and from the fact that the periodical sedulously sped the line of the Communist Party, it is clear that it was actually an organ of the Communist Party assuming the guise of championing against anti-Semitism."

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Another confidential informant advised, in 1948, that at a rally held by the Freedom from Fear Committee on May 9, 1948, Herbert Biberman told of raising money for the Hollywood Ten. He said that a party was being held in Washington sponsored by one [redacted] and Bennett Cerf. [redacted]

According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 35 and 239, the Freedom from Fear Committee was "one of the Communist Party's latest fronts" which came into being in Hollywood and in New York and was created "to raise funds for the defense of nineteen unfriendly witnesses before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities investigation of Communist activity in Hollywood, ten of whom were indicted for contempt of Congress."

During 1943, another confidential informant advised that Bennett Cerf was among the leaders in the movement which resulted in the formation of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. [redacted]

Another confidential informant advised, in 1947, that Bennett Cerf was listed as one of the individuals who had supported the National Citizens Political Action Committee or the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in previous years and one who should be approached for a contribution to the Progressive Party in 1947. [redacted]

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Bennett Cerf

The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 262.

Another confidential informant advised, in 1944, that at a dinner held at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, on May 10, 1944, sponsored by the Joint anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Bennett Cerf, noted publisher and author, paid tribute to the underground forces of the world working against the overthrow of Fascism and criticized elements in the United States for "red baiting."

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During 1945, another confidential informant advised that on January 20, 1945, Bennett Cerf was considered by the Chapter Secretaries of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as a member for the Campaign Committee. This informant also advised on February 13, 1945, that Cerf had been proposed for membership in the National Publicity Advisory Council of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. (anonymous source)

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflects that the program of the Committee Against Censorship published by the National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts, 114 West 14th Street, New York City, in 1935, reflected that Bennett A. Cerf was a member of the National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts. According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 52, the "Communists regard the infiltration, manipulation and control of artistic and cultural mediums as one of the indispensable phases of their program of revolution. The National Committee Against Censorship of the Theatre Arts is 'typical' of Communist front organizations in this class."

During 1938, another confidential informant advised that in that year the letterhead of the National Committee for People's Rights contained the name Bennett Cerf. The

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**Bennett Cerf**

National Committee for People's Rights has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, June 25, 1942, page 20; and March 29, 1944, pages 48 and 182, as a "Communist front which succeeded the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners. The organization under its new name remained entirely under the control of the Communist Party." According to the informant, Bennett Cerf was also a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in 1937, according to testimony before the La Follette Committee in Washington, D. C., in January, 1937. (Bulet to New York, May 18, 1950)

Another confidential informant advised during early 1942 that ~~Bennett Cerf~~, a member of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, was eligible for election to the Executive Committee of that organization. (Trash recovered from vacated office space of National Committee for

The National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. People's Rights)

The "New York World Telegram" in its issue dated December 2, 1947, reflected that early in 1947, the National Negro Congress set up a cultural division and among those listed as members was Bennett Cerf.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During 1941 another confidential informant advised that Bennett A. Cerf, 112 West 59th Street, New York City, business address, 20 East 57th Street, New York City, had

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[REDACTED] The New York Conference for Inalienable Rights has been cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 149. (anonymous source)

Based upon the above information, inquiries were made by this Bureau during December, 1950, and January, 1951, with confidential informants acquainted with Communist

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**Bennett Cerf**

activities in New York concerning Bennett A. Cerf. Informants contacted at that time were unable to furnish any information concerning Bennett A. Cerf.

During 1950, records of the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflected that in 1950 Bennett A. Cerf, 132 East 62nd Street, New York City, registered for one of the two major political parties. (All information appearing in this memorandum taken from 100-369422)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check only and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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American Embassy  
Rome, Italy

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
Mr. Mohr ☒  
Mr. Parsons ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Trotter ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Mr. Holloman ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

Date: June 26, 1957  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Rome (62-3-58)  
Subject: BENNETT CERF  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. BENNETT CERF, accompanied by his wife and two children, arrived in Rome, Italy on 6/21/57. They spent two days in Rome and then departed for Naples, Italy on 6/23. They returned to Rome on 6/25 enroute to Venice, Italy, where they will remain until 6/28. From Venice they plan to journey to Paris, France, and then return to the US.

The CERFs were extended the usual courtesies during the time they were in Rome.

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 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Airgram

☒ Cablegram

DECODE OF CODED CABLE NUMBER 228 DATED JULY 5, 1957, AT  
 PARIS, FRANCE. RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

BENNETT CERF, PUBLISHER, RANDOM HOUSE, INFORMATION  
 CONCERNING. RE ROME LET JUNE 26 LAST. CERF  
 ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN ARRIVING NEW  
 YORK JULY 9 ON SS UNITED STATES. WOULD APPRECIATE  
 IF NEW YORK OFFICE COULD EXPEDITE ARRIVAL.

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cc: Mr. Tamm  
 cc: Mr. Belmont

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Dear Mr. E. Hoover,

I would like to call your attention to Bennett Cerf, I read I believe he has Communist leanings. I hear or read he is publishing children's books now and those are ~~very sad~~ - there ~~hardly~~ the ~~funny~~ picture

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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Cerf. has signed about  
relations w/ Cerf in past  
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they are showing  
children, <sup>in the movies</sup> you know,  
a dog swallow a  
bomb and the  
back of his head  
blows out, and  
other awful things.  
This should pos-  
itively ~~should~~ be  
stopped at once.

Mr. Edgar Hoover



GRAND CENTRAL  
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Washington

F.B.I.

W. C.  
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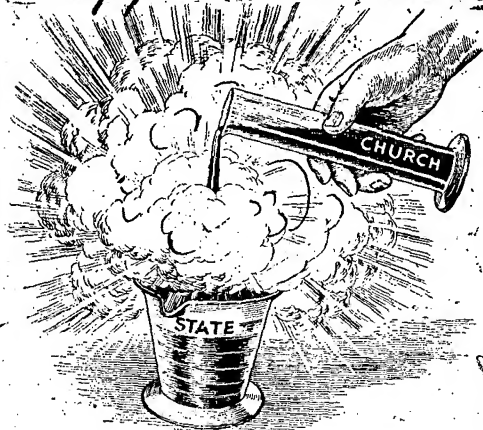
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National - Renaissance Party  
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NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, FBI Chief, in his address to a group of Church Women meeting in National Convention at Chicago recently, said: "Because they despise the church, the Communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations. What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for their programs than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of the Communists to get others to front for them and do their dirty work can not be underestimated."

The FBI Chief also said, "The Communist conspiracy is as deadly now as it was before the Geneva Conference."

A brief filed with the U. S. Supreme Court in 1955, urging that the Internal Security Act of 1950 be declared unconstitutional, was initiated by 18 persons of whom *exactly one-half were members of the Clergy*. Of the 360 persons who signed the brief, *some 100 were Clergymen*; and it was shocking that *Half* of the 42 signers of a petition in late 1955, requesting Presidential amnesty for *Convicted Communist Party Leaders were Clergymen, Professors of Theology, or Persons engaged in other Religious Positions.*

— From April 1957 issue of  
THE VIRGINIAN, 310. 53rd  
St., Newport News, Virginia



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Aug 10, 57  
Found this  
at Queens Blvd.  
and 46<sup>th</sup> St. L. I. C. 64  
N. Y. It was laying  
in the gutter as you  
see it is - dirty

GIR 11

September 3, 1957

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett:

I am enclosing a copy of the September, 1957,  
issue of "The Investigator," the official publication of our  
employees.

In this issue, there appears an item on page  
twenty-one entitled "The FBI Story" concerning the continuing  
success of this book. In addition, the back cover of the issue  
repeats for the benefit of our employees the availability of this  
outstanding publication.

Sincerely,

Edgar

Enclosure

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Bennett:

I have received the book entitled "Atlas  
Shrugged" which you were so kind to send to me. I certainly  
appreciate your thoughtfulness in making this advance copy  
available, and I am looking forward to the pleasure of reading  
it.

Sincerely,

1/8 Edgson

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 3, 1957

The attached book "Atlas Shrugged"  
by Ayn Rand was sent to the  
Director from Random House, Inc.,  
457 Madison Avenue, New York 22,  
New York.

Attachment  
hbb

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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With the compliments of  
Bennett Cerf

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Bennett Cerf, President

RANDOM HOUSE INC. 457 MADISON AVENUE

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

I was delighted to see the piece about  
the F.B.I. book in the September issue  
of "The Investigator." I also noticed  
with pleasure the effective ad on the  
back cover.

I hope to see you soon again.

As ever,

(Bennett Cerf)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: October 1, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Bennett Cert

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SA [REDACTED] of the New York Office called shortly after 1:00 p.m. this afternoon to advise that, in accordance with your instructions of September 20th, the New York Office met [REDACTED] when the Queen Mary docked today. He was expedited through Customs and every courtesy was shown. No problems at all were encountered. [REDACTED] was extremely appreciative of the courtesies shown him.

[REDACTED] was accompanied by [REDACTED] who apparently was taking care of him.

RECOMMENDATION:

Under of Bennett Cert

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For information.

MAJ:mcq  
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Mr. Quentin Reynolds  
Stonehill Road  
Bedford Village, New York

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Dear Quent:

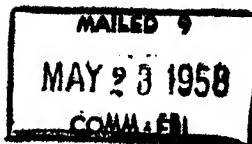
Thank you very much for your wire of May 22  
advising me of Bennett Cerf's birthday celebration. I was happy  
that you reminded me of this occasion so that I could send him a  
birthday greeting.

You may be sure that I was very pleased to learn  
that you found "Masters of Deceit" of interest. Coming from a  
"professional" such as you, your compliments are doubly  
appreciated.

Clyde and I are deeply grateful for your best wishes.

Sincerely,

Edgar



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FBI  
MAY 23 1 09 PM '58

NOTE: Wire sent to Bennett Cerf this date.

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Gardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Elmont \_\_\_\_\_  
pbr \_\_\_\_\_  
Ease \_\_\_\_\_  
Arsons \_\_\_\_\_  
osen \_\_\_\_\_  
amm \_\_\_\_\_  
rotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Layton \_\_\_\_\_  
ele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
olloman \_\_\_\_\_  
indy \_\_\_\_\_

LH:mlw  
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MAIL ROOM ☐

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 23 1958

WESTERN UNION

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

WUFO41 NL PD

BEDFORD NY MAY 22

✓ JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, FBI

BENNETT CERFS BIRTHDAY THIS SATURDAY AND WHOLE PUBLISHING BUSINESS

GIVING HIM A PARTY. HE RESPECTS YOU ABOVE ALL LIVING MEN.

WOULD YOU SEND HIM A BIRTHDAY GREETING AS FAVOR TO ME? THERE WILL BE  
NO PUBLICITY, ADDRESS MT KISCO NY INCIDENTLY LOVED YOUR BOOK BUT WHO DIDNT  
MY BEST TO YOU AND TO SLUGGER TOLSON

QUENTON REYNOLDS

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Mr. Nease

May 23, 1958

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NIGHT LETTER - DEFERRED

MR. BENNETT A. CERF  
ORCHARD ROAD  
MT. KISCO, NEW YORK

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST BEST  
WISHES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. EARNESTLY HOPE THIS OCCASION WILL BE  
MOST HAPPY ONE AND THAT YEARS AHEAD WILL BRING ABUNDANCE OF  
ALL GOOD THINGS TO YOU AND YOURS. THIS PARTY HONORING YOU IS  
INDEED A FITTING TESTIMONIAL TO THE ESTEEM IN WHICH YOUR  
COLLEAGUES HOLD YOU.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NOTE: Letter dated 5-23-58 sent to Quentin Reynolds, Cerf's address per  
telephone directory.

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 6-4-59

FROM : C. D. DeLoach *CD*

SUBJECT: BENNETT CERF

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*MR*  
 Edwards talked with Bennett Cerf by phone today on referral from the Director's Office. Mr. Cerf stated that he is scheduled to speak in Washington before the American Library Association dinner and plans to bring his wife, Phyllis, [redacted] respectively, to Washington Tuesday, June 23, 1959.

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He hopes to give them a day of sightseeing and said that he would like particularly to bring them in to shake hands with the Director if the Director would be able to spare them a few minutes. He would also like to arrange for a tour for his two sons.

I told Mr. Cerf that I would immediately check with the Director on his return to the office and would be in touch with him. Mr. Cerf stated any time suiting the Director's convenience would be completely acceptable.

Mr. Holloman subsequently advised that he had confirmed this appointment for 10:00 A. M. on June 23 with Bennett Cerf.

A Special Agent will be designated for this tour. A background memorandum is being prepared by Mr. Jones' section.

Unless advised to the contrary no arrangements will be made for a photographer to stand by.

## ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. Morgan

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CRIMINAL DIV.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

12:19PM June 4, 1959

Mr. BENNETT CERF telephoned for the Director from New York City. He was advised of the Director's absence and referred to [redacted]

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. McGuire ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
Mr. Jones ✓  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

MRS BENNETT CERF

[redacted] has advised that Mr. Cerf stated he was coming to Washington to address an American Library Association Dinner on Tuesday, June 23, 1959. Mr. Cerf would like to bring his wife, Phyllis, and [redacted]

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[redacted] in to tour the Bureau and meet the Director sometime during the day on June 23.

Mr. Cerf pointed out that he has no itinerary set up, that he and his family intend to do some sightseeing on June 23 and that he would like to bring his family in at a time convenient to the Director on that date.

Mr. Cerf asked that he be advised of a time that would be convenient to the Director.

*an agent should handle special*

*make a*

jwd

*10 a.m.*

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*June 23, 100-369422-37*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 19, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ/WIS*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: BENNETT CERF

PRESIDENT, RANDOM HOUSE, INC.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

REQUEST TO TOUR THE BUREAU AND

MEET THE DIRECTOR ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1959

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b7CBACKGROUND:

Mr. ~~X~~Cerf called the Director's office on 6-4-59 stating that he would like to bring his wife, Phyllis [redacted] in to tour the Bureau and meet the Director at a convenient hour on June 23. The Director noted: "Make it for 10 a. m., June 23, H." The 10:00 a. m. hour was confirmed with Mr. Cerf.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Cerf was born in New York City on May 25, 1898, educated at Columbia University, has been married twice and has two sons. He founded Random House in 1927 and he is a well-known anthologist of humor books and has been a successful panelist on the television program "What's My Line."

RELATIONS WITH BUREAU:

The Bureau has enjoyed cordial relations with Cerf and Random House during and subsequent to the publication of "The FBI Story: A Report to the People." This book was extremely successful over and above Cerf's expectations and was a top best seller on the nonfiction list for many weeks. The Bureau enjoyed exceedingly fine cooperation with Cerf in all phases of this book.

- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Tour Room

JK:cfn

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JUN 25 1959



Jones to DeLoach Memo

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bureau files reveal that Cerf was known to be or allegedly associated with many communist front organizations such as the American Committee for Spanish Freedom; Council for Pan-American Democracy; the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; National Committee Against Censorship of the Theater Arts; the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners; the National Negro Congress; and others. His activities in this regard date back to the middle 1930's and apparently ceased following World War II. The New York Office recommended that he be placed on the security index in 1951 but a review of his activities indicated that such action was not warranted.

Following publication of "The FBI Story" Cerf wanted to make a \$5,000 contribution to the Special Agents fund over a period of two years but his offer was courteously declined. We have had rather limited contact with Mr. Cerf since the fall of 1957 although every contact has been very cordial. (100-369422)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Director greet Bennett Cerf and his family when they visit the Bureau at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday, June 23, as he has arranged to do.

2. That the Cerfs be conducted on a special tour of the Bureau's facilities and that this tour be conducted by a Special Agent.

*Done  
by Smith  
Director saw them  
See Memo to Mr. DeLoach  
from Majors 6/23/59  
B.M.S.*

*[Handwritten marks: a checkmark and a signature]*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: June 23, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones *M.A.J.*

SUBJECT: BENNETT CERF

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
DeLoach	_____
McGuire	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

At 9:55 a.m. today. Mr. Bennett Cerf, his wife Phyllis and

*B. APPROX*

\_\_\_\_\_ called at the Director's Reception Room and were met by Inspector Suttler. Mr. Hoover met them and had a long talk with them. They were delighted to see Mr. Hoover and Mr. Tolson again. Mr. Cerf spoke in glowing terms about the job the Director had done and said, in the presence of Mr. DeLoach, that he would love to get Mr. Hoover to give him another book as good as "The FBI Story." He said this book had been the finest and most successful book ever published by Random House.

Suttler took the group through the Laboratory and to the range where Mr. Cerf and his two boys fired the Tommy Gun and were delighted to do so.

Mr. Cerf stated he had to leave this building by 11:45 to make a 12:00 noon luncheon appointment at the Pentagon. He had his own car chauffeur.

Prior to departure he said he would like to have six copies of the photograph made in Mr. Hoover's Office as each of his sons wanted one and he would like to have some extra copies. Suttler told him the Director would be delighted to do this.

As soon as the photographs are ready six dull finish copies will be sent to Mr. Bennett Cerf, President, Random House, 457 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, along with an appropriate letter.

Due to Mr. Cerf's Pentagon engagement there was no time to see the exhibits on the first floor. Suttler told Mr. Cerf the next time Cerf could spare a day he should bring his family back to see the exhibits and then go to the Identification building and Quantico, all of which would take a full day. Mr. Cerf said it sounded wonderful and he would certainly try to do it. *100-387427-39*

RECOMMENDATION:

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The attached letter, enclosing copies of the photograph taken in the Director's Office this morning, be sent to Mr. Cerf.

Enclosure *100-387427-39*

1 - Mr. Holloman

1 - Mr. DeLoach

BMS:ta/(6)

CRIME RECORDS

*Pom*

RA

June 24, 1959

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett:

Once again I want to tell you how delighted I was to have the opportunity to meet with your family and you yesterday. I am sorry that you did not have time to have a complete tour of our facilities, but I do hope that when you are again in Washington you will be able to see all of our headquarters.

There are enclosed copies of the picture we had taken in my office which I thought you would like to have as mementos of the occasion.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,  
Edgar

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memorandum dated 6/23/59 captioned "Bennett Cerf's BMS:td"

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August 6, 1959

Mr. Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House Incorporated  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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Dear Bennett:

I am enclosing for your personal use a copy of the August, 1959, issue of "The Investigator," the official publication of our employees. It is a pleasure to publish on page 42 a picture taken on the occasion when you and your family visited FBI Headquarters on June 23, and I thought you might like to have a copy of this issue.

Sincerely,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 21, 1959

**FROM :**

M. A. Jones

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**SUBJECT:**

# CALL FROM BENNETT CERF OF RANDOM HOUSE

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Today at 1:05 p.m., Bennett Cerf, Publisher, Random House, called Inspector Suttler from New York and said "Bernie, I want the FBI to do me a favor." Suttler told him we would if it was within our jurisdiction.

Cerf then stated a close friend of his by the name of Truman Capote, who had written several fine books and was a nationally-known writer, was at this moment in Garden City, Kansas, to do a story on the Clutter murder mystery for "The New Yorker" magazine.

He stated it is the story of a wealthy man, his wife and 2 children who were apparently murdered for no reason whatsoever. Mr. Capote stated that the [redacted] is a former Special Agent of the FBI. Capote called Cerf from Garden City, Kansas, and stated [redacted] would not give him any information on the Clutter case, as he, [redacted] took no credentials to Garden City with him and [redacted] does not believe he is a writer assigned to do a story for "The New Yorker" magazine. Mr. Cerf stated that Capote did not take any credentials, as he felt his many articles in "The New Yorker" had given him a national stand as a writer and he is quite crushed to think that the [redacted] has never heard of him. b6 b7C

Mr. Cerf stated Capote had written many splendid articles and books and has a fine, national reputation as a writer and he, Cerf, would appreciate the FBI sending a wire to [redacted] identifying Truman Capote as a legitimate writer assigned to do a story for "The New Yorker" magazine. Suttler asked Mr. Cerf why Mr. Capote did not request "The New Yorker" magazine to identify him and further why didn't Mr. Cerf merely pick up the phone and call [redacted] and identify Mr. Capote as a friend of his of many years standing. Cerf stated the [redacted] would not accept any telephonic identification according to Capote, so it would do no good for "The New Yorker" magazine or for him to try to identify Capote by phone.

Suttler told Mr. Cerf that as much as we would like to do him a favor, some checking would have to be done, as he was not personally acquainted with either Truman Capote or [redacted] nor could he see why the FBI <sup>should</sup> enter the picture. Cerf then stated "See what can be done, [redacted] and call me back at Plaza 1-2600."

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Jones to DeLoach memo (continued)

Bennett Cerf probably called Suttler in view of the fact that Suttler took Cerf and his family through the Bureau on a tour some time ago and Cerf has written him several times since, the last time inviting him to lunch with him at any time he might be in the New York area.

BUREAU FILES:

[REDACTED]

The only reference in Bureau files on Truman Capote is in a file titled [REDACTED] Internal Security-R. In an interview with FBI Agents, the subject [REDACTED] exhibited a new book he had purchased titled "The Muses are Heard," a novel by Truman Capote, which is a story covering the 8-day period between the Berlin departure and the Leningrad premiere of "Porgy and Bess" group. The subject exhibited this book in a bragging sort of way, stating he [REDACTED] had violated restrictions in Russia by taking some photographs which he should not have taken and his name was mentioned in Capote's book on page 57. (100-398446-28)

Truman Capote is not listed in "Who's Who In America," but Time Magazine of November 3, 1958, contained a review of his novel, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" published by Random House. Other reference sources show he was born in 1924, now 35 years old; that he has written several books, all of which have been published by Random House, thus showing why Bennett Cerf is interested in helping Capote now.

No reference source shows Capote's connection with "The New Yorker," so he might be used for special assignments only.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. DeLoach or someone in his office call Mr. Cerf at Plaza 1-2600 New York and explain the FBI's position; that we should not intercede in this matter, as we are not acquainted with Mr. Truman Capote, nor are we familiar with his connection with "The New Yorker" magazine, and the Clutter case is not a Federal case under our jurisdiction.

*Suttler called and told me  
Cerf broke and told me  
him FBI could not  
insert itself in  
local case  
PMB Cerf under  
12-22-59*

## BENNETT CERF'S CERFBOARD



Chris

Jonnie

Dad

# Kidding the kids

A father of two finds teen-agers are good — for a laugh

Not one of the countless articles I have read about the foibles and vagaries of teen-agers in our midst has mentioned a few outstanding characteristics of my own two teen-age sons. Are my two boys actually unique? Or can other parents who read this column report similar manifestations?

• My son Christopher is a peregrinating undresser. He clomps into the hallway where he deposits his coat on the floor. His tie and clasp-pin are left in the library,

along with a half-empty bottle of soda — strategically planted on the floor so that the next arrival cannot help but upset it.

His shirt and one shoe are deposited on the stairway leading to my study, the other shoe dropped on the loose pages of a manuscript I have been reading. *A crisis developed last Tuesday — his trousers disappeared. They turned up Thursday morning in the dirty wash hamper.*

• My younger son, Jonathan, collects dirt. Until recently he boasted envelopes containing actual handfuls of dirt from the Canadian Rockies, the pitching mound at Yankee Stadium, a rubber plant in J. Edgar Hoover's office in Washington, a ditch being dug at the airport in Milan, Italy, and the TV studio in which a weird program entitled "Zacherley

At Twelve" is enacted. This superb collection was thrown out by my wife Phyllis when she discovered that it had attracted a colony of ants to Jonathan's bedroom.

• Lives there a parent with teen-age son or daughter who ever yet has: (a) turned off the lights before going out? (b) put an extension phone receiver back on the



That's Chris all over!

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 Mohr ☒  
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 The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_  
 New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
 New York Journal-American \_\_\_\_\_  
 New York Mirror \_\_\_\_\_  
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 The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_  
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~~book?~~ (c) remembered the ~~key to~~  
the front door when returning  
home from the first time out till  
2 a.m.? (d) read the books you sug-  
gested? or (e) given the time of  
day to the offspring of your old  
schoolmate after you've schemed  
for months to bring the two brats  
together?

**Teachers** as well as parents have  
their problems with teen-agers.  
Harold Dunn, for instance, who  
teaches music in Jefferson City,  
Mo., submits these five excerpts  
from classroom essays:

1. Joseph Haydn was born in 1732,  
and soon became the father of  
classical music. Later, at the age of  
28, he got married. Haydn had a  
lot of will power. He died in 1809  
and is still dead.

2. Bach was the most famous  
composer in the world and so was  
Handel. Handel was half  
German, half English, and  
half Alsatian. He was rather  
large.



3. Chopin has many fast  
friends. Among the fastest  
was Miss Sand.

4. Paganini was a famous fiddler.  
He fiddled with many of the great-  
est singers in Europe.

5. Requiems are usually played  
for sad occasions like funerals and  
marriages. Fugues are also popu-  
lar. The most pop-  
ular fugue was the  
one between the  
Hatfields and the  
McCoys.



**Last straw.** Editor

Charlie Rice's daughter, just back  
from England's lovely Cotswold  
country, is now telling friends  
about her vacation in the Cotskills.

And lovely 16-year-old Linda  
Young, involved in last-minute  
preparations for her first formal,  
implored her mother, "Please find  
my lipstick for me. It's in that spe-  
cial drawer somewhere." *Her*  
*mother found the lipstick — also*  
*six firecrackers and a frog.*

*Handwritten signature*



March 17, 1960

PERSONAL

**Mr. Bennett A. Cerf**  
**President**  
**Random House, Incorporated**  
**457 Madison Avenue**  
**New York 22, New York**

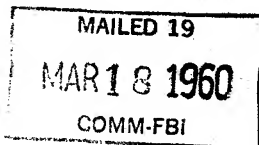
Dear Bennett:

I was pleased to learn that you are to be honored by the Sales Executives Club of Washington as its "Man of the Year" and did want to send you this personal note to extend my heartiest congratulations.

This is indeed a well-deserved tribute, and I know you must be proud of this honor. Please accept my very best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Edgar



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NOTE: Mr. Cerf is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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## **Cerf Will Get Award of Sales Executive Club**

Bennett Cerf, founder and editor of Random House and nationally known as a humorist, will be honored by the Sales Executives Club of Washington as its "Man of the Year."

The award will be presented to Mr. Cerf and the New York publisher will give the principal address at the club's distinguished sales award dinner at the Mayflower Hotel on Monday, March 21, it was announced by William G. Russell, club president.

The award is given for distinguished sales work on the international scene. Mr. Cerf has been a frequent contributor to national magazines and appears on a TV program What's My Line.



**BENNETT CERF**

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Mr. Bennett Cerf  
President  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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DATE 12/6/84 BY SP-7 mac/BB

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Dear Bennett:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness  
in sending me an advance copy of Den Whitehead's  
new book "Journey Into Crime." I am looking  
forward with great interest to the opportunity of  
reading it.

My very best regards to Phyllis  
and you.

Sincerely,

SENT TO THE  
DIRECTOR  
FOR SIGNATURE  
AND MAILING

NOTE: Mr. Cerf is on the Special Correspondents' List and  
is President of Random House, Inc., publishers of "The FBI  
Story." Mrs. Cerf refers to the Director as Edgar, so she is  
being referred to as Phyllis rather than Mrs. Cerf. Whitehead's  
new book will be reviewed in the Crime Records Division, and  
the review will be set forth in a separate memorandum.

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Bennett Cerf, PRESIDENT

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July 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

It is my pleasure to send you under separate cover  
an advance copy of Don Whitehead's new book JOURNEY  
INTO CRIME. I hope it will give you at least a  
few hours of relaxation to which, God knows, you  
are entitled!

With affectionate regards from Phyllis and myself,  
I remain,

Cordially,

Bennett Cerf

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Malone
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan
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- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

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Dea. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated January 30, 1961, and appreciate your interest in communicating with me.

The FBI is a fact-gathering agency and, as such, does not evaluate the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. A regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the dissemination of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Government. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing any comments concerning the individual whom you mentioned. However, you should not infer that we do or do not have information in our files concerning this individual.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director  
FBI

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bureau files contain no information concerning correspondent. Correspondent advised a photograph of Bennett Cerf appeared in the "Austin American" newspaper on 1-6-61. The article indicated that Cerf founded Random House, a book publishing company, which recently incorporated the Singer Publishing Company. The correspondent had received through the mail a leaflet listing "Bennett Cerf as a rabid Red and fellow-traveller." The correspondent desired evidence concerning Mr. Cerf for presentation to the State Board of Education and the Textbook Commission in Austin, Texas, in order to cause them to proceed with caution before adopting textbooks containing communist propaganda.

Mr. Cerf is on the Special Correspondents' List and is President of Random House, Incorporated, publishers of "The FBI Story." The Bureau has enjoyed cordial relations with Cerf and Random House during and subsequent to the publication of "The FBI Story: A Report to the People." The Bureau enjoyed exceedingly fine cooperation in all phases of this book.

Bureau files reveal that Cerf was known to be or allegedly associated with many communist front organizations such as the American Committee for Spanish Freedom, Council for Pan American Democracy, the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, National Committee Against Censorship of the Theater Arts, the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, the National Negro Congress and others. His activities in this regard date back to the middle 1930's and apparently ceased following World War II. The New York Office recommended that he be placed on the Security Index in 1951 but a review of his activities indicated that such action was not warranted.

The following items of literature were forwarded to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth"
2. "Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion"
3. "Communist 'New Look'"
4. "Breaking the Communist Spell"

[REDACTED]

January 30, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

9/8  
The January 6, 1961 issue of The Austin American newspaper, carries a picture of Bennett Cerf. The article following his picture reads as follows: Random House, which he founded for "publishing books at random", recently incorporated Singer Publishing Company which produces elementary and high school textbooks. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was with the Cerf party in Austin.

Recently I received through the mail, a leaflet listing Bennett Cerf as a rabid Red and fellow-traveller. I would like more documented evidence on Mr. Cerf and his activities. My purpose in securing this information is to present to the State Board of Education and to the textbook commission in Austin, Texas, enough evidence that will cause them to proceed with caution before adopting any textbooks that may contain Communistic propaganda. We cannot let Red literature creep into the last frontier, the public schools of America.

Any information you can send me would be appreciated, and may I request that this and all correspondence from me be in strict confidence.

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Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

HLD:pv

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Dear

I have received your letter dated March 1, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization, or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, however, I am forwarding you some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

There are no identifiable pertinent references to correspondent in Bufiles.

Correspondent advised an organization (name not mentioned) of which she is a member plans to invite Bennett Cerf to lecture for them. Various members have heard Cerf is a "Card Carrying Communist." Correspondent would like information on this matter and believes this should be presented to the organization.

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2. "The Communists Are After Our Minds."
3. "How to Beat Communism."
4. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
5. "Breaking the Communist Spell."



March 1, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir,

An Organization which I am a member of here in Battle Creek, Michigan is considering Mr. Bennett Cerf for an evening lecture in the fall. Various members of our organization have heard or read that Mr. Cerf is or has been a "Card Carrying Communist."

I would like information from you on this matter. I personally find this hard to believe but one never knows in this day and age. I feel that information from you one way or the other should be presented to the members in question. False rumors should be stopped if false as well as the truth should be known. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-2-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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 DATE 5/14/84 BY SP-6 BTB/clp  
 12/6/84 SP-7 mcl/RS

SUBJECT: SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD,  
 CONSTITUENT INQUIRY  
 RE BENNETT CERF AND MARGARET MEADE

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By letter of September 27 Senator Mansfield forwarded several copies of correspondence relating to the appearance of Bennett Cerf and Margaret Meade before the State Convention of the Montana Education Association (MEA). Our relations with Mansfield have been cordial.

It would appear that a great deal of controversy has come to pass over the appearance of these two because of distribution of literature from the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc. (CEG) which lists both Cerf and Meade as communist and/or "fellow travelers." Bufiles contain nothing derogatory regarding Mr. Cerf whose name appears on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis. We have never investigated Mr. Cerf. Bufiles indicate that in 1951 we conducted an investigation concerning Dr. Meade (Mrs. Gregory Bateson) pursuant to Executive Order 9835. Information in the Chicago Office indicated that she was a member of the "League of Homeless Women" which has been cited. Our investigation did not develop any information which would question her loyalty to the country. The Civil Service Commission (CSC) made a determination that both she and her husband could continue in their positions with the Department of Public Health on the basis of loyalty.

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The CEG and its [redacted] are well known to the Bureau. This is an irresponsible organization which circulates numerous tracts alleging "exposure" of communists and fellow travelers in the entertainment industry. Some of its material contains the statement that information contained in its pamphlets can be documented in the files of government investigating agencies. This group has been responsible for the distribution of anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets also. Fagan has, in the past, attempted to use the Director's name in the furtherance of his programs, and it has been necessary on several occasions to contact him and request that he refrain from mentioning the FBI in any manner.

It is felt that someone in your office should contact Senator Mansfield's Administrative Assistant and advise him on a confidential basis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 4, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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12/6/88SUBJECT: SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD  
CONSTITUENT INQUIRY  
RE BENNETT CERF AND [REDACTED]b6  
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Reference is made to [REDACTED] to DeLoach Memorandum dated 10-2-61 wherein it was approved that we contact the Administrative Assistant of Senator Mansfield of Montana and advise her that we have never conducted an investigation of Bennett Cerf, the author, and in 1951 we conducted a loyalty investigation of [REDACTED] under Executive Order 9835 and that she was continued in her position by the Civil Service Commission. Further, the Administrative Assistant should be advised of the irresponsible manner of [REDACTED] who disseminates anticommunist material.

It appears that Cerf and [REDACTED] had been invited to speak before the State Convention of the Montana Education Association. This has touched off a controversy in the state.

On 10-3-61 [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] to Senator Mansfield, [REDACTED], and discussed this matter in accordance with instructions. My office has had a great deal of dealings with [REDACTED] and she understands our position in regard to these matters.

She stated that she and the Senator fully realize the confidential nature of our files and wondered if the Director could send a very brief letter indicating the confidential nature of our files to the Senator in order that he might, in part, "get off the hook." She said that she had checked with the House Committee on Un-American Activities and they had come up with four old references on Cerf, indicating that he had belonged to some "front organizations" back in the 1930's. She said she had not yet received a report on [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached brief letter be sent to Senator Mansfield.

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1 - [REDACTED] Enclosure

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[redacted] to DeLoach memo

Re: Senator Mike Mansfield Constituent Inquiry

that we have not investigated Mr. Cerf and that in 1951 we conducted a loyalty investigation concerning Dr. Meade, following which the CSC made a determination that she could continue in her position with the Public Health Service on the basis of loyalty. Also, the administrative assistant should be advised with respect to the irresponsible nature of Fagan and the Cinema Educational Guild.

It is noted that one of the constituents [redacted] has already contacted SAC Bromwell with respect to this matter. Therefore, it is not felt that any contact with [redacted] is necessary. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning him and our only correspondence is an outgoing dated 4-26-39. Bufiles contain no references to [redacted]  
[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

That Senator Mansfield's Administrative Assistant be contacted as outlined above.

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June 11, 1965

**BENNET CERF**

Mr. Cerf has not been the subject of an FBI investigation.

Files of the FBI reflect that although Mr. Cerf endorsed the objectives of several Communist Party front groups prior to the outbreak of World War II, he has not engaged in such activity since that time. (100-369422-38)

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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FBI

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the request from  
Mrs. Stogall for a check of FBI files relative to approximately  
130 individuals in connection with a seminar which is to be held  
on Monday, June 14, 1965.

Attached is a memorandum listing an additional  
18 individuals concerning whom the FBI has no identifiable derog-  
atory information in the central files or the files of the Identifica-  
tion Division. Also enclosed are 36 memoranda regarding individuals  
included in this name check. Information concerning these  
individuals has orally been furnished to Mrs. Stogall and the  
enclosed confirming memoranda complete. The list of names in  
connection with this request.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. DeLoach's Office.

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PERSONAL

Honorable Bennett A. Cerf  
President  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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REC'D-READING ROOM

Dear Bennett:

It is indeed a pleasure to learn of your selection to serve as Chairman of the Board of Random House, Inc., and I wanted to send this note extending congratulations.

This is indeed a well-deserved tribute to your ability and many contributions to the publishing field. You may be sure you have my very best wishes for continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Edgar

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NOTE: Mr. Cerf is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 11-1-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BENNETT CERF AND [REDACTED]  
RANDOM HOUSE, INCORPORATED  
DESIRE TO PRESENT FIRST COPY OF  
DIRECTOR'S NEW BOOK ON COMMUNISM  
TO MR. HOOVER, ON 12-11-68

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum to Mr. Tolson of 10-22-68 on which the Director indicated that he would see Messrs. Cerf and [REDACTED] at 10 a.m. on 12-11-68.

Mr. Cerf has just contacted Mr. DeLoach and advised that he will be leaving Miami on the morning of December 11th for Washington and that his plane does not arrive in D. C. until approximately 10:30 a.m. He stated that he is extremely regretful that he is unable to make the 10 a.m. appointment, but would like to know if the Director could possibly see [REDACTED] and him at about 11:15 a.m. on that date.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That if the Director's schedule permits, he may desire to see Cerf and [REDACTED] at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, 12-11-68.

- 1- Mr. DeLoach
- 1- Mr. Bishop
- 1- [REDACTED]
- 1- Tour Room

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Honorable Bennett Cerf  
Chairman of the Board  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

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Dear Bennett:

It is a great pleasure for me to enclose  
a copy of the February, 1969, issue of "The Investigator,"  
which is the employee publication of this Bureau. The  
photograph made in my office can be found on page 19, and  
a brief description of my new book appears on page 20. I  
thought you might like to have this copy.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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NOTE: Mr. Cerf is on the Special Correspondents List on a first-name basis.

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**RANDOM HOUSE, INC.**

457 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

TELEPHONE PLAZA 1-2600

BENNETT CERF  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 11, 1969

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DATE 12/6/86 BY SP-7mac/RB

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chief:

Upon my return from a wonderful vacation in Barbados, I was deeply pleased to find on my desk the February issue of "The Investigator," with your note calling my attention to the photograph for which you were kind enough to pose with me on the day I presented you with Copy #1 of your book at the FBI headquarters. This will be a valuable addition to my permanent library.

I hope I'll see you soon again.

As ever,

  
Bennett (Cerf)

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Honorable Bennett Cerf  
Chairman of the Board  
Random House, Inc.  
201 East 50th Street  
New York, New York 10022

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Dear Bennett:

I have received your note of September 25th and feel that an announcement at this time concerning my preparation of a new book would be premature. You can rest assured, however, that Mr. Bishop will advise you as soon as the book is far enough along to warrant an announcement concerning it.

Sincerely,

Edgar

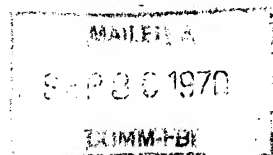
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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NOTE: Cerf is on the Special Correspondents List. By letter of 9/22/70 the Director advised Cerf that he has selected Random House to publish the new book which the Director is preparing on the radical left. It is felt that it is somewhat premature to have an announcement made concerning the book.

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201 EAST 50TH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

TELEPHONE (212) 751-2600

BENNETT CERF  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 25, 1970

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John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C

Dear Chief:

Thank you for your welcome note of September 22nd--  
and in accordance therewith--we'll be waiting for  
further word about your new book from Mr. Bishop.

With cordial best regards,

Bennett Cerf

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
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→ May we announce that  
this book is in the works?

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this book is in the works?

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Honorable Bennett Cerf  
Chairman of the Board  
Random House, Inc.  
201 East 50th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Bennett:

Thanks for your note of September 15th.

I have now decided to proceed with plans to prepare the  
new book and will be very happy to have you publish it.

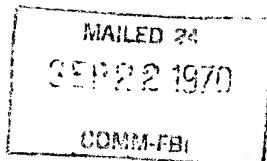
Mr. Bishop will soon be in contact with you to work out  
the details.

Sincerely,

*Edgar*

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

NOTE: Cerf is on the Special Correspondents List. The Director has indicated approval of Random House, Inc. as publisher of his book.

*also attached <sup>and sent</sup> - 11 copy "J. Edgar Hoover testifies..."*

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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE (212) 751-2600

BENNETT CERF  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 15, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Chief:

I was very excited by the news that you were mulling over the idea of a new book. I hope it isn't necessary for me to tell you that I would be proud to be the publisher of any work that bears your name.

When you or any of your people are ready to discuss the matter in more detail; just say the word and I'll be on the next plane to Washington to see you!

With cordial best regards,

*Bennett Cerf*  
Bennett Cerf

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*Spina*  
Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Sullivan ☒  
Mr. Mohr ☒  
Mr. Bishop ☒  
Mr. Brennan CD ☒  
Mr. Callahan ☒  
Mr. Casper ☒  
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CORRESPONDENCE

COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 8, 1971

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: BOOK ON "NEW LEFT"

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Reference is made to the attached letter to the Director from Bennett Cerf inquiring as to the progress being made with the book concerning the "New Left," which Cerf would like to have the Director do for publication by Random House, Inc.

Because of the changing and complex nature of the New Left movement, progress on the book has been slow; however, it is anticipated that it could be completed in final form with two months additional work.

The primary consideration at this point would be the timing of the publication. The unabated and continuing critical attacks being directed at the Bureau seem to be part of a predetermined plan and in all likelihood we can expect them to continue for some time. We can expect those carrying on this concerted campaign to seize upon anything new as a further avenue for their criticisms. A book by the Director on the "New Left" at this time would almost certainly give rise to new attacks. Therefore, it would seem that the publication of such a book should be held in abeyance for a more propitious time.

I Agree -

If you agree, we will continue on working on the book through the final stages including the polishing and editing of it to have it ready for the best time for release. In the meantime, it is suggested that this memorandum be referred to Mr. Bishop so that he can orally respond to Cerf's letter by telling Cerf that progress on the book has been delayed because of the Director's other pressing commitments. He should be reassured when the book is complete that he will, of course, in line with the initial agreement be given the first opportunity to publish it and that we will be in touch with him at a future date when it appears the book will be ready for publication.

ACTION:

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For the approval of the Director for Mr. Bishop to so advise Bennett Cerf.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - C. D. Brennan

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BENNETT CERF

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Brennan  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
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Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

June 2nd 1971

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Dear Chief:

Are you making any progress with the new book we have been talking about for lo! these many months?

Meanwhile, my wife, Phyllis and Ginger Rogers (who has recently been our house guest,) join me in sending you our best wishes.

As ever,

Bennett Cerf

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director in Charge,  
F.B.I.

506, Old Post Office Building,  
Washington D.C. 20535

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C. H. Brennan

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